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BACK HOME:



JESUS CHRIST!



YOU ARSEHOLE!



THAT'S THE LAST TIME YOU HIT HER! YOU UNDERSTAND? YOU ARE NEVER GOING TO TOUCH MY MUM AGAIN!

GARY, WAIT! YOU DON'T GET IT, MATE!

LIKE FUCK I DON'T!

UGH!



IT'S NOT LIKE THE OLD DAYS, DARREN! I'M NOT A LITTLE KID ANYMORE!



I'M BIG NOW AND I'M SICK OF YOUR CRAP...



I'M DONE WATCHING YOU HURT MY MUM!

BILLY! FOR FUCK'S SAKE! GET IN HERE!



EVERYBODY OUT! NOW!

BILLY, PLEASE! COME ON! YOU'RE GOING TO GET US SHUT DOWN.



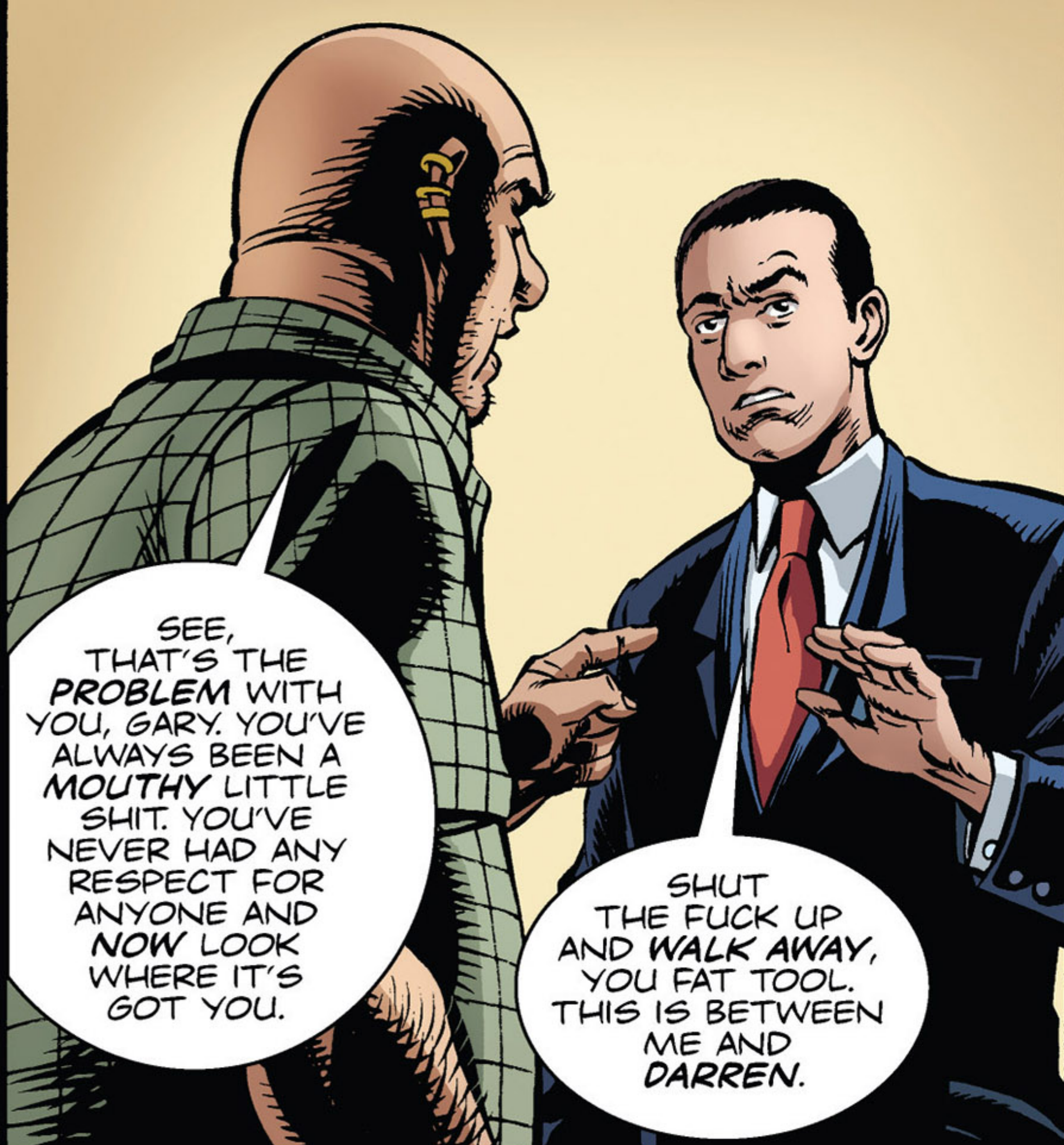
OUT NOW OR YOU'RE GETTING IT TOO, YOU OLD TIT!

JUST DO WHAT HE SAYS, DAD.



LOCK THE DOORS AND CLOSE ALL THE CURTAINS. I DON'T WANT ANYONE SEEING THIS.

YEAH, IT'LL BE EMBARRASSING PEOPLE SEEING YOU GET YOUR ARSE KICKED.



SEE, THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH YOU, GARY. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A MOUTHY LITTLE SHIT. YOU'VE NEVER HAD ANY RESPECT FOR ANYONE AND NOW LOOK WHERE IT'S GOT YOU.

SHUT THE FUCK UP AND WALK AWAY, YOU FAT TOOL. THIS IS BETWEEN ME AND DARREN.



NO, THIS IS BETWEEN YOU AND ME, DICKHEAD. YOU WALK IN HERE DISRESPECTING OUR MATE AND YOU EXPECT US TO LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT?

I TOLD THAT SLAG SHE SHOULD HAVE BEEN STRICTER WITH YOU, BUT SHE JUST WOULDN'T BLOODY LISTEN, WOULD SHE?



I SAID WALK AWAY, BILLY.

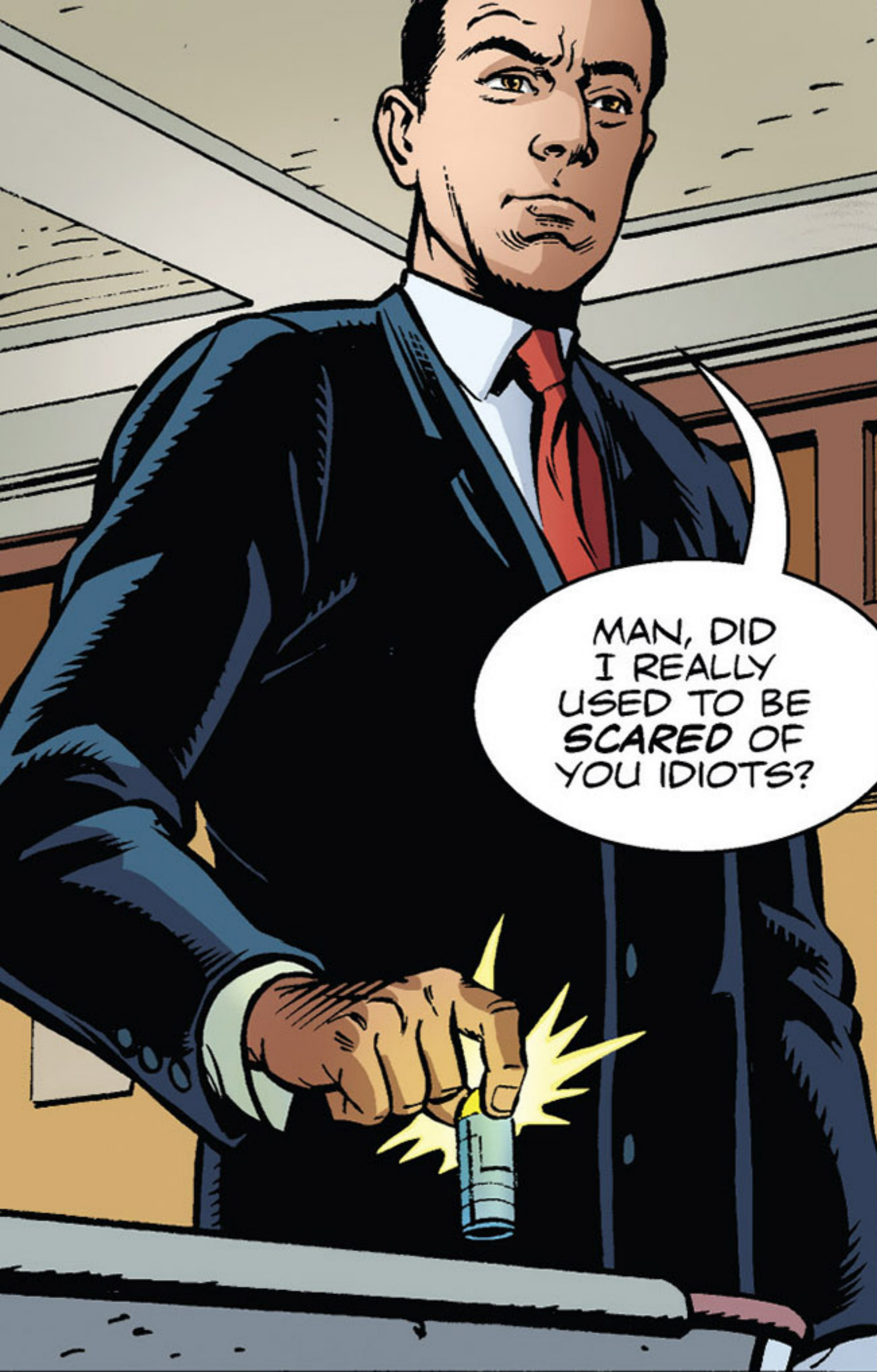
OR WHAT? YOU'LL SMACK ME IN THE KNEES WITH YOUR BALLS? YOU'RE GOING IN THE FUCKING GROUND, YOU LITTLE PONCE. BUT FIRST YOU'RE GOING TO APOLOGIZE.



FOR WHAT?

DOING THIS TO DARREN. GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES AND TELL HIM YOU'RE SORRY. TELL HIM YOU'RE GLAD HE FUCKED YOUR MUM UP.

OH, MATE. THIS IS BRILLIANT. YOU'RE SHITTING YOURSELF NOW, EH?







YOU GUYS ARE ALWAYS GOING ON ABOUT RESPECT, BUT YOU JUST DON'T GET IT. YOU THINK IT COMES WITH HAVING GUNS AND STUFF, BUT I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING I LEARNED RECENTLY...



...RESPECT'S GOT TO BE EARNED.



YOU RESPECT ME NOW, BIG BILLY?



NOW LISTEN TO ME, YOU LOW-LIFE SCUM, BECAUSE I'M ONLY GOING TO SAY THIS ONCE...

...IF YOU OR ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS EVEN LOOK AT MY MUM AGAIN I'LL COME BACK HERE AND MURDER EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. UNDER-
STAND?

OH GOD NO...



I'VE GOT A LICENSE HERE THAT MEANS I CAN'T GET ARRESTED AND I WILL TAKE TREMENDOUS PLEASURE IN PUTTING A BULLET IN YOUR HEAD. PARLEZ-VOUS ANGLAIS?

T-TOTALLY.



GOOD.



WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON OUT HERE? GET OUT OF OUR BLOODY WAY! WE'VE GOT A VAN COMING DOWN AND YOU'RE ALL GETTING NICKED IF YOU GIVE US ANY BLOODY TROUBLE!



EASY, OFFICER. EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL AGAIN.

WHAT THE HELL'S HE DOING HERE?



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AGENT
STATUS,
CONSTABLE.

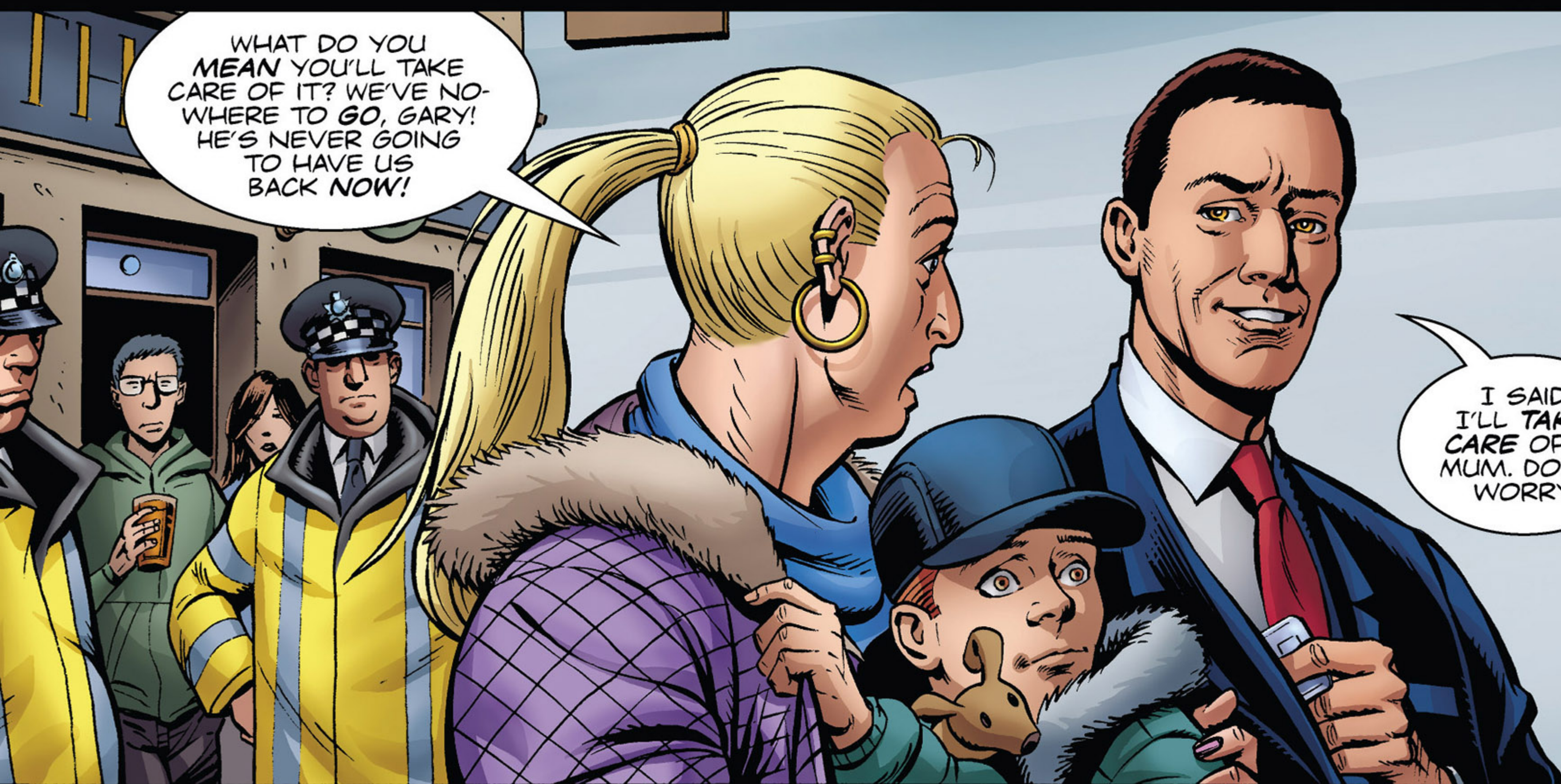
PROVISIONAL
LICENSE, BUT IT'S
STILL PERFECTLY
VALID.

FUCKING
HELL! ARE
THEY GIVING
THESE OUT
TO ANYBODY
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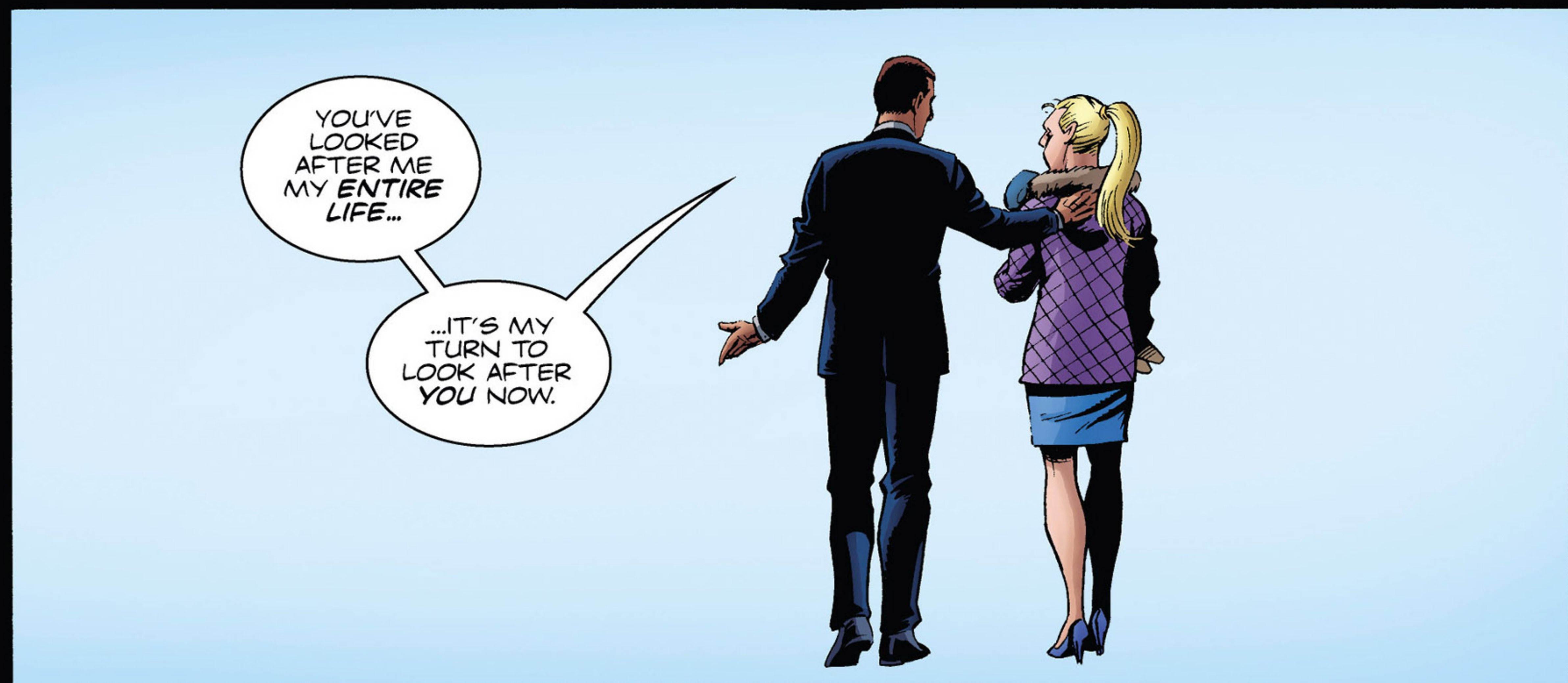
GARY!
WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE? I KNOW YOU
MEANT WELL, BUT
WE'VE NOWHERE TO
LIVE AFTER ALL THIS
SHIT YOU'VE JUST
CAUSED!

DON'T
WORRY, MUM.
I'LL TAKE
CARE OF IT.



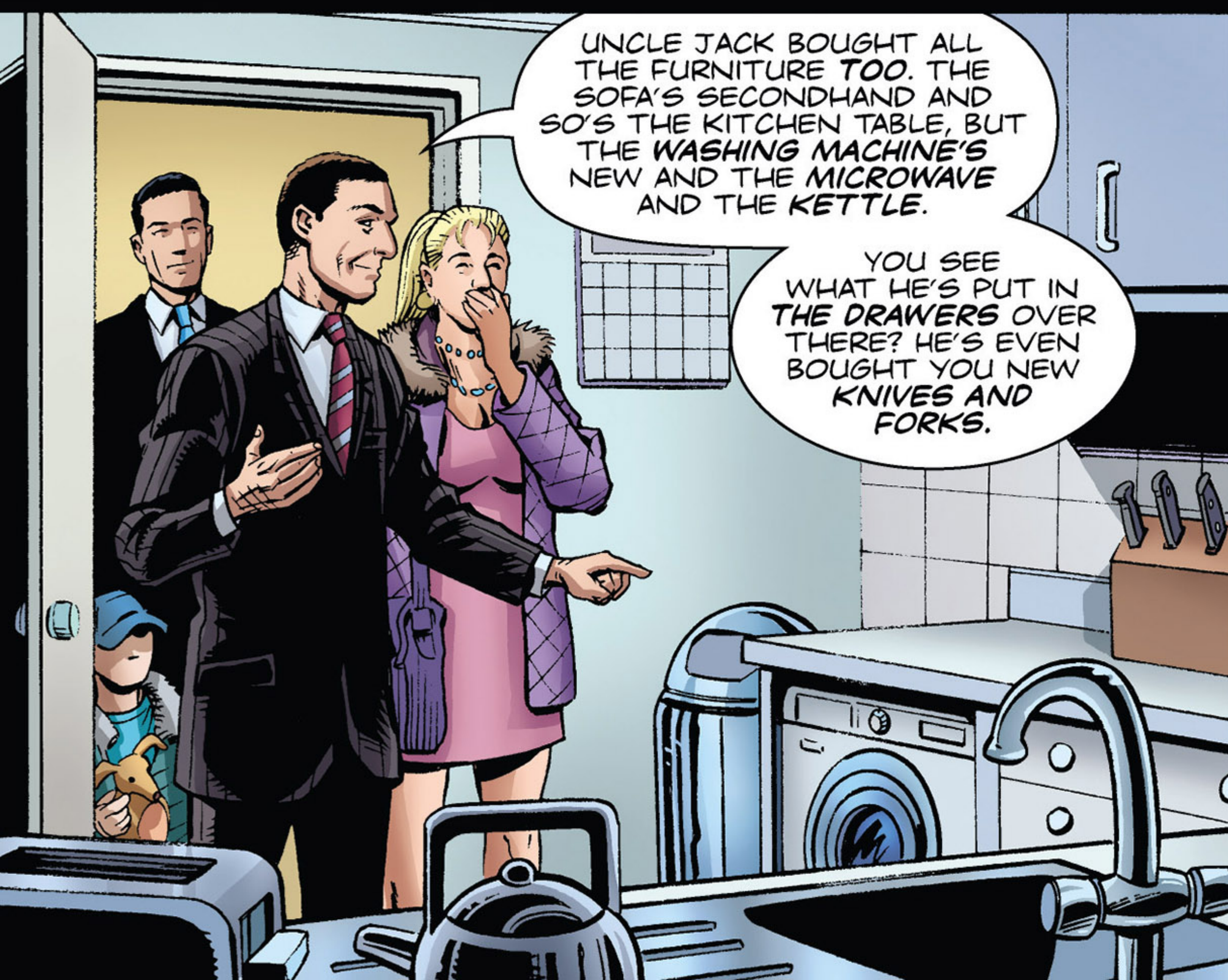
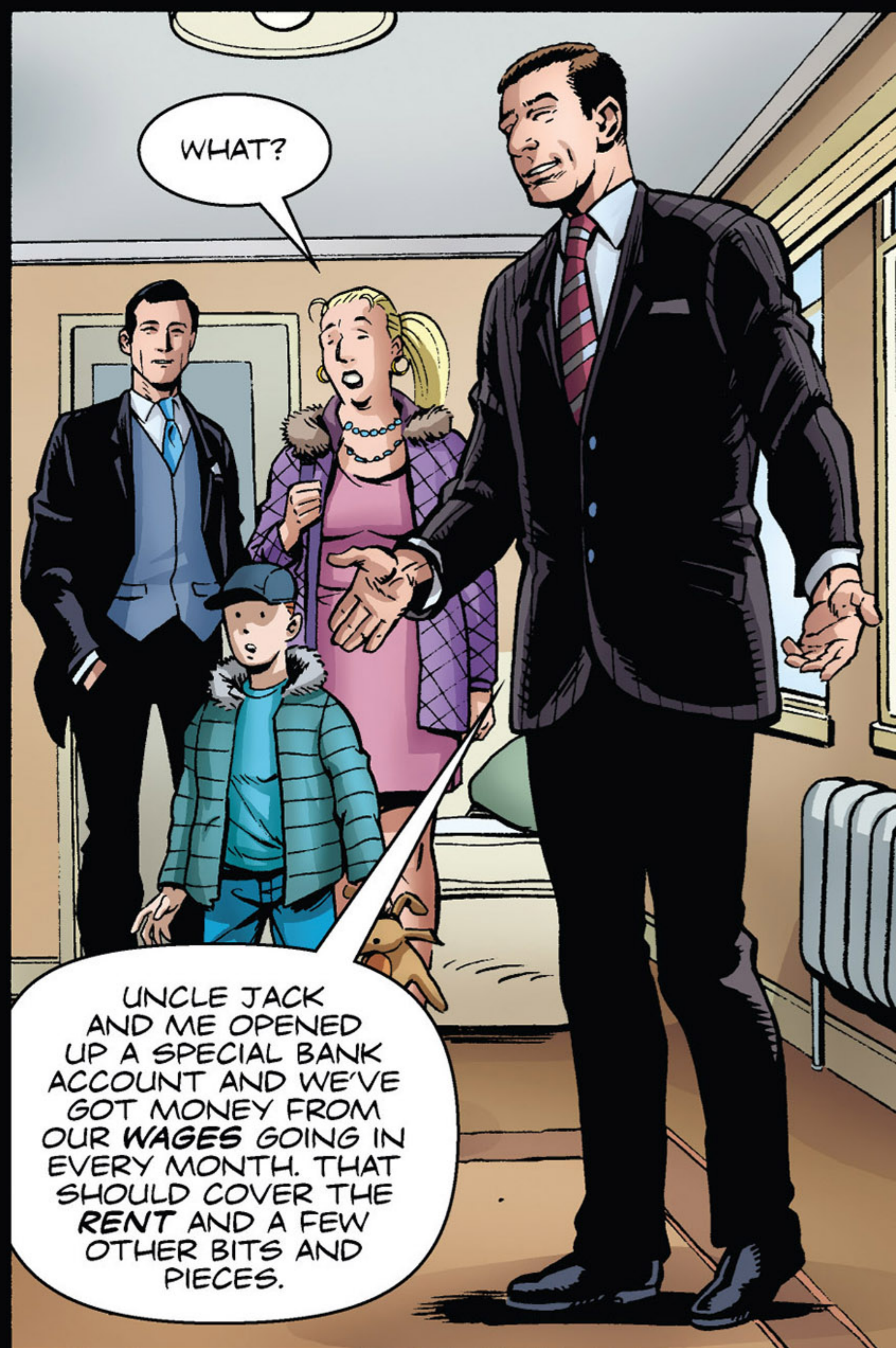
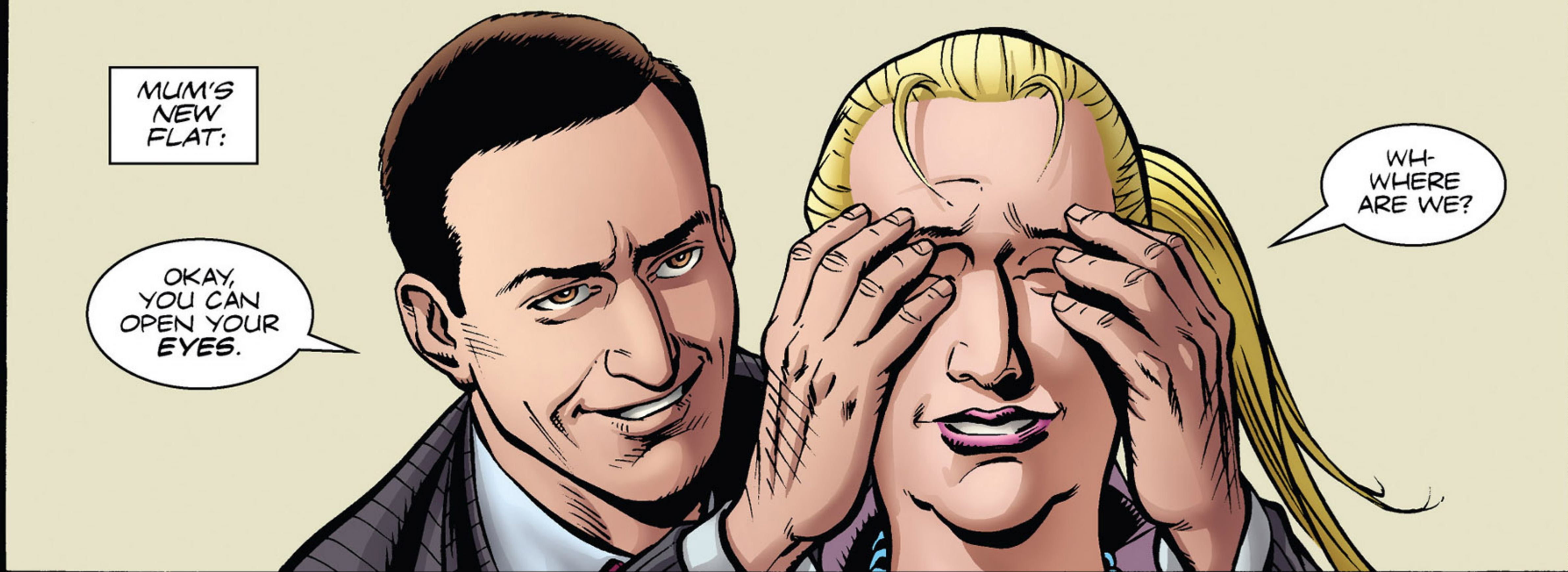
WHAT DO YOU
MEAN YOU'LL TAKE
CARE OF IT? WE'VE NO-
WHERE TO GO, GARY!
HE'S NEVER GOING
TO HAVE US
BACK NOW!

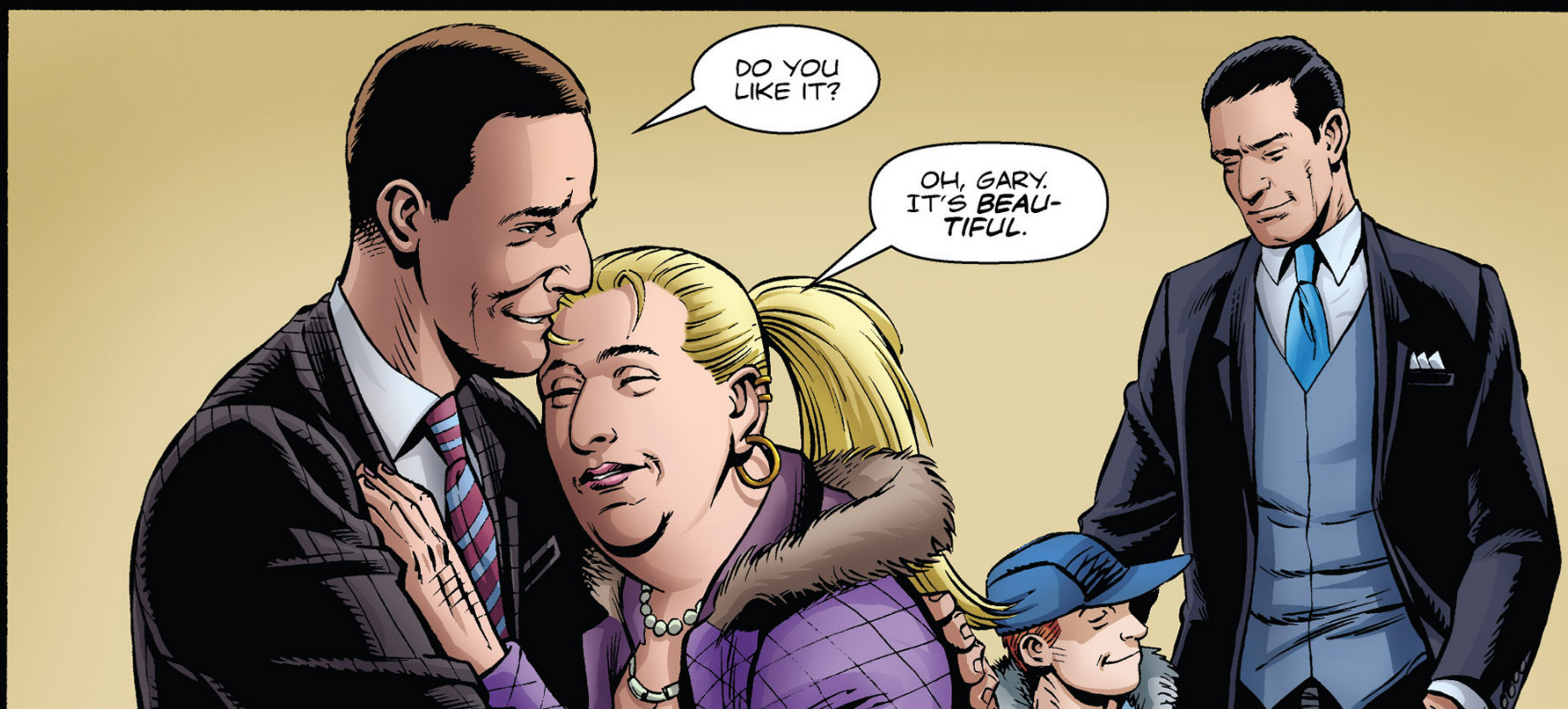
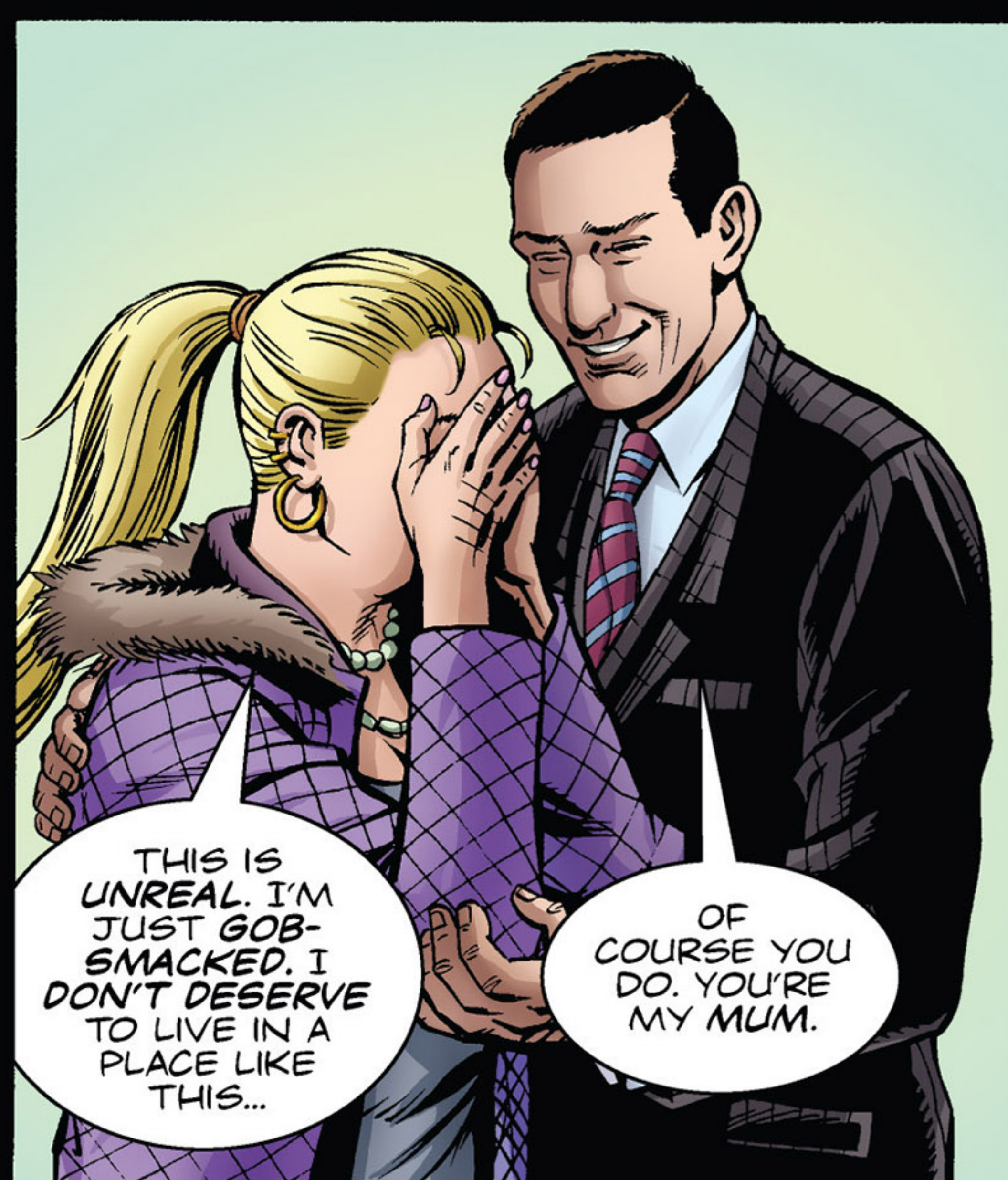
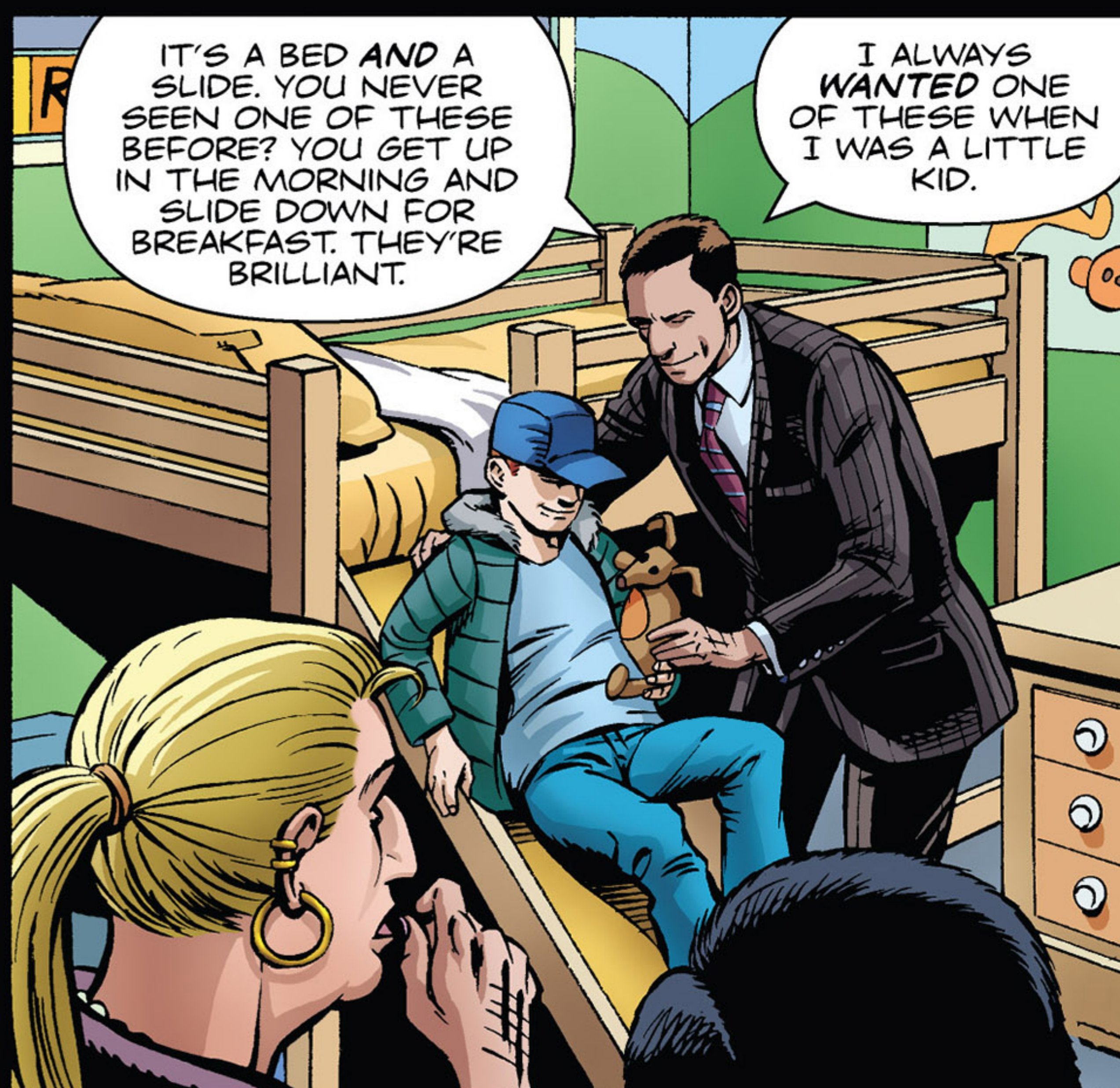
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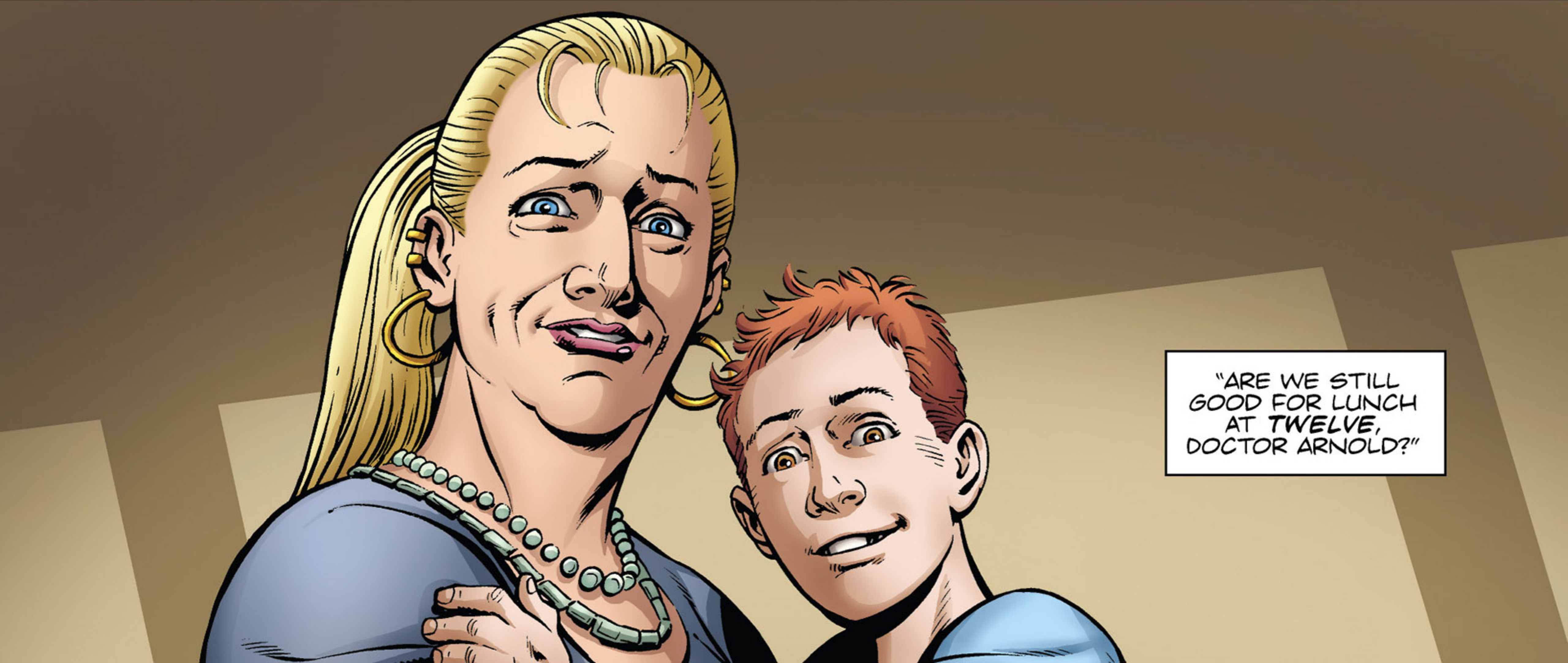
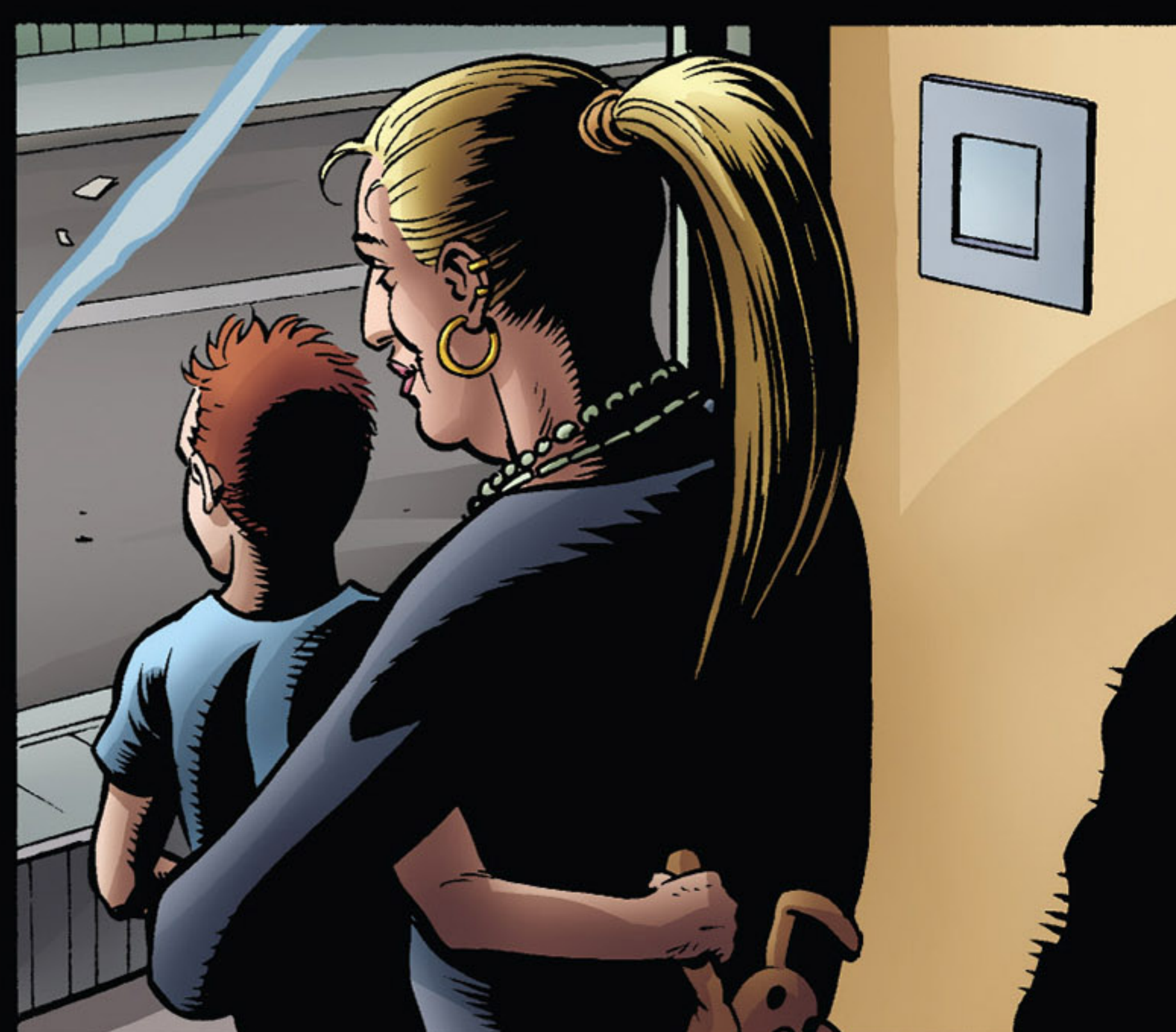
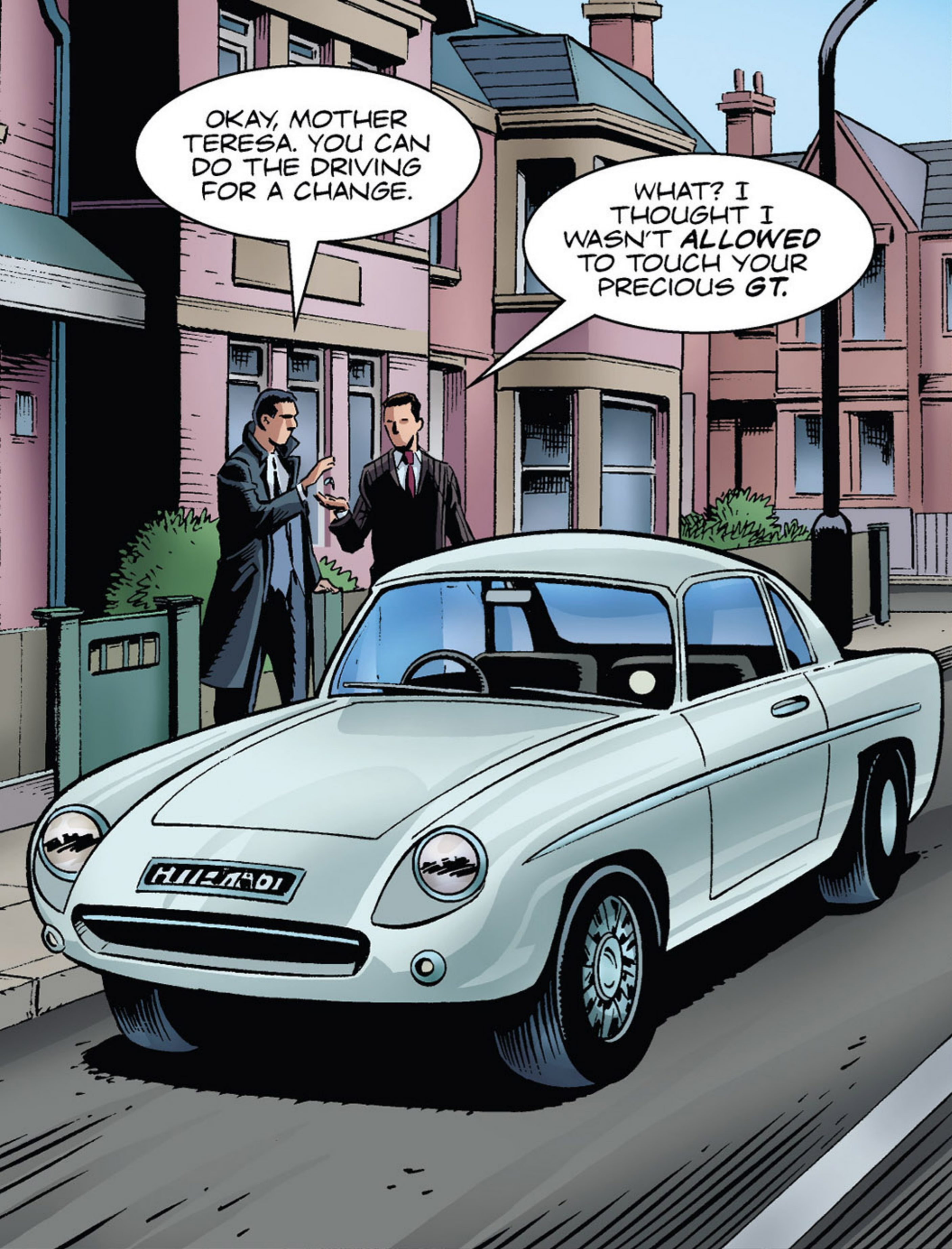


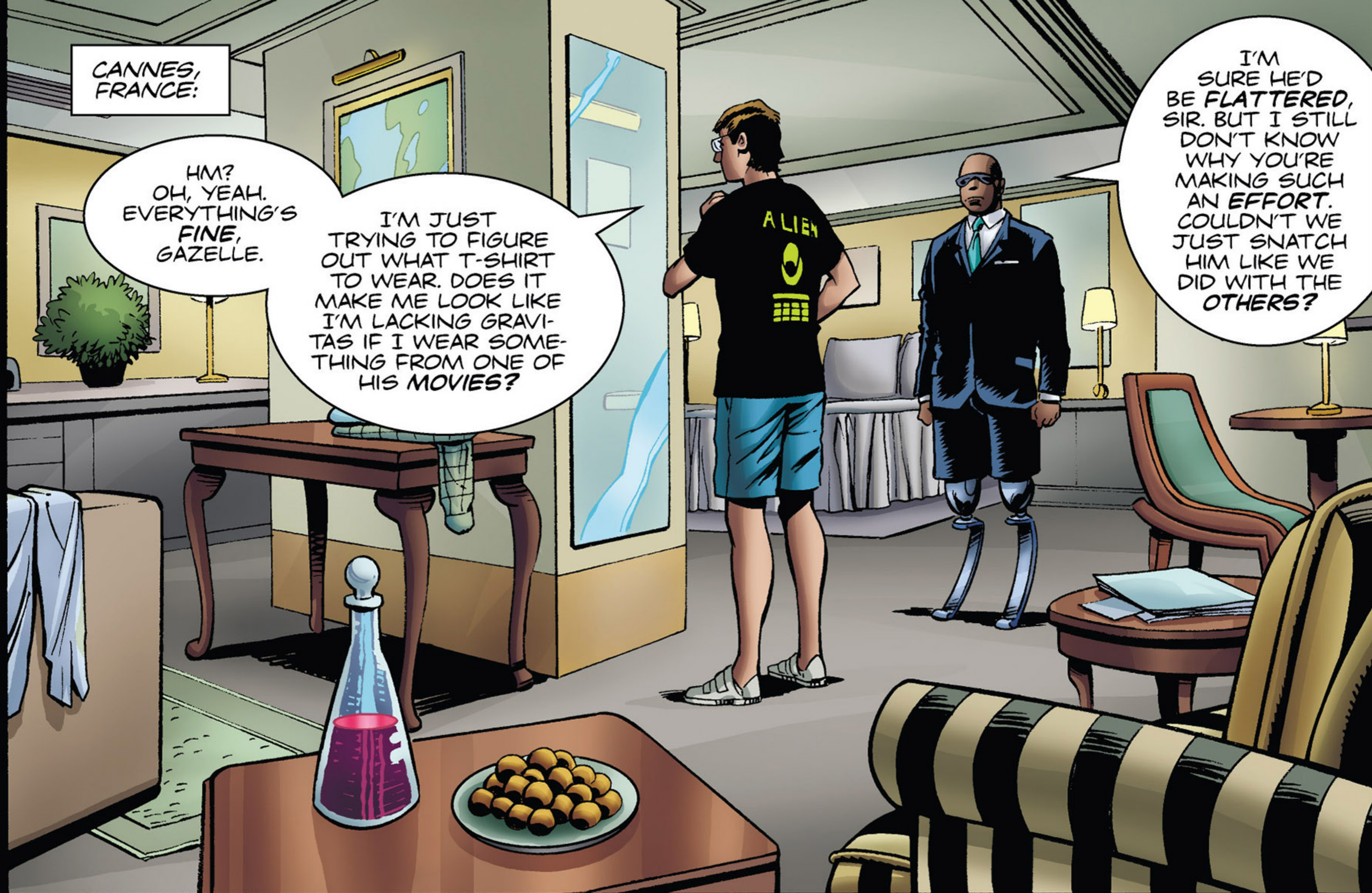
YOU'VE
LOOKED
AFTER ME
MY ENTIRE
LIFE...

...IT'S MY
TURN TO
LOOK AFTER
YOU NOW.







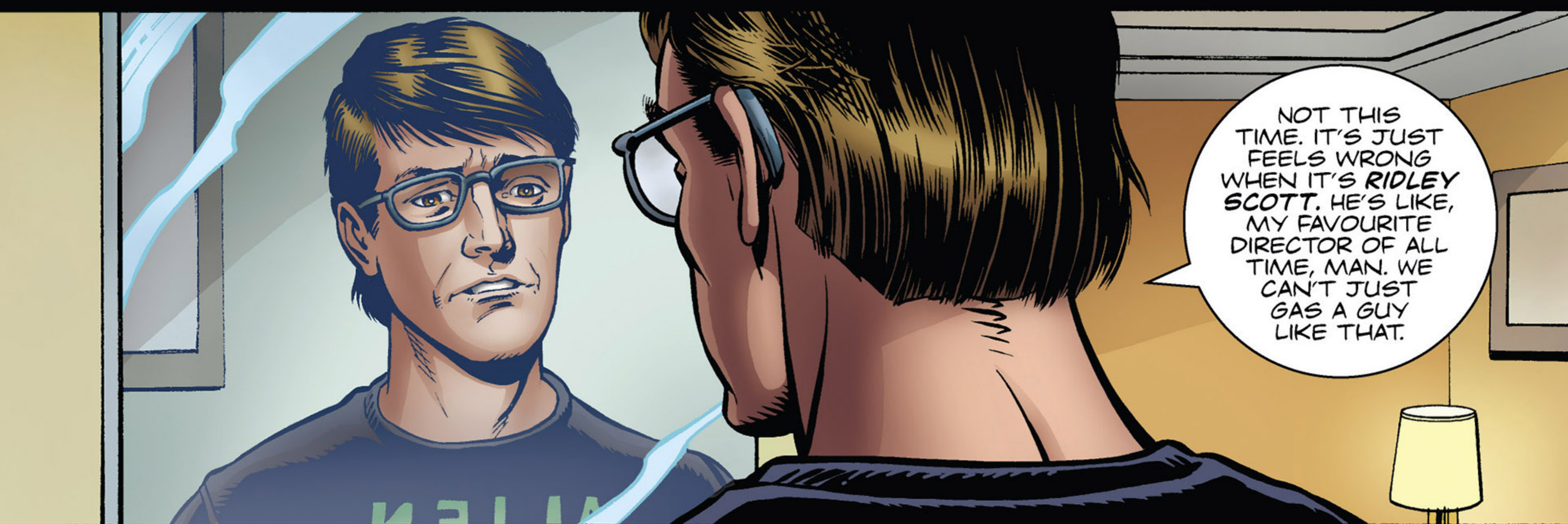


CANNES, FRANCE:

HM?
OH, YEAH.
EVERYTHING'S
FINE,
GAZELLE.

I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT T-SHIRT TO WEAR. DOES IT MAKE ME LOOK LIKE I'M LACKING GRAVITAS IF I WEAR SOMETHING FROM ONE OF HIS MOVIES?

I'M SURE HE'D BE FLATTERED, SIR. BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE MAKING SUCH AN EFFORT. COULDN'T WE JUST SNATCH HIM LIKE WE DID WITH THE OTHERS?



NOT THIS TIME. IT'S JUST FEELS WRONG WHEN IT'S RIDLEY SCOTT. HE'S LIKE, MY FAVOURITE DIRECTOR OF ALL TIME, MAN. WE CAN'T JUST GAS A GUY LIKE THAT.



BESIDES, HE'S ALWAYS STRUCK ME AS A SUPREMELY RATIONAL INDIVIDUAL. I'M SURE IF I EXPLAINED EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE PLANNING HE'D OVERLOOK THE GENOCIDE AND APPRECIATE THE LOGIC.

AND IF HE DOESN'T?

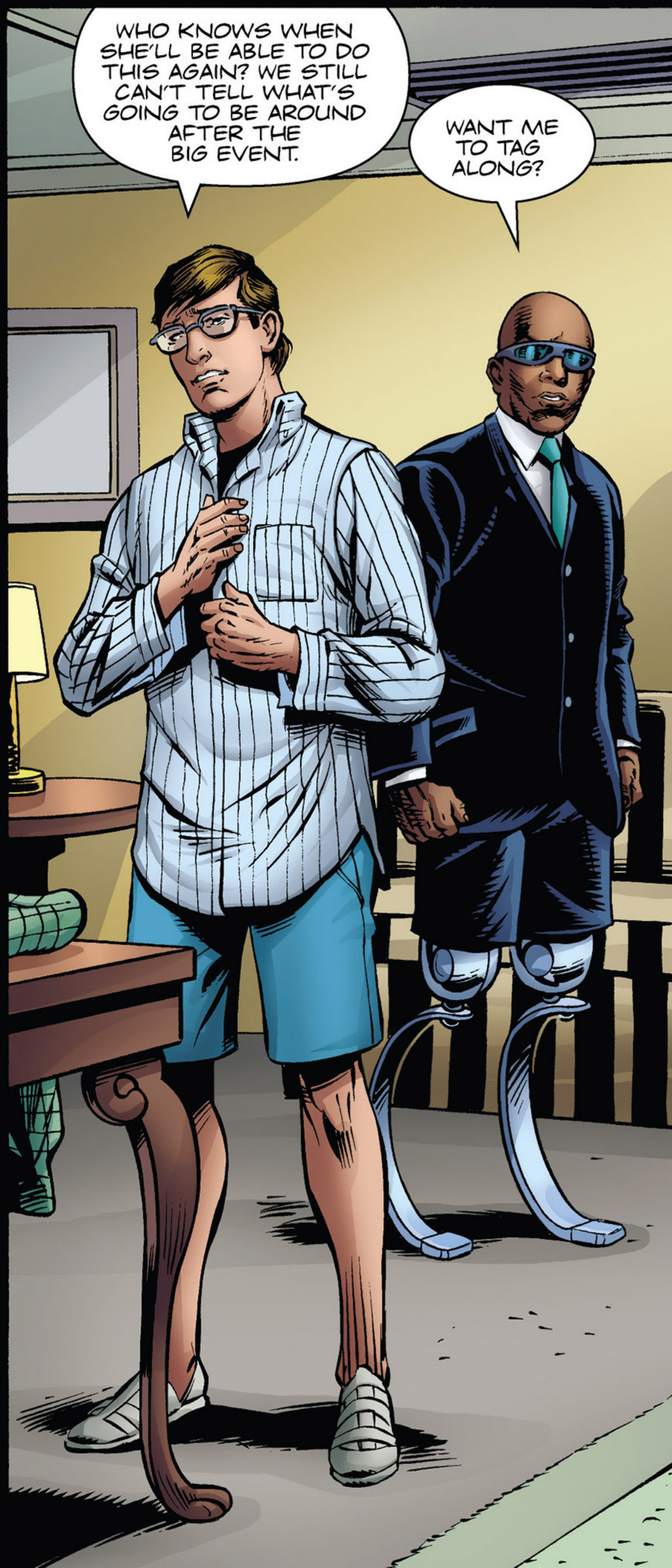


I DUNNO. MAYBE THEN WE KNOCK HIM OUT.



WHAT ABOUT MISS CHASE? IS SHE GOING TO BE JOINING US?

NO, AMBROSIA'S GOING SHOPPING. SHE GETS BORED WITH ALL THE GEEK TALK AND I THINK SHE WANTS A FINAL LOOK AROUND ALL THE DESIGNER STORES BEFORE WE FLICK THE SWITCH TOMORROW NIGHT.

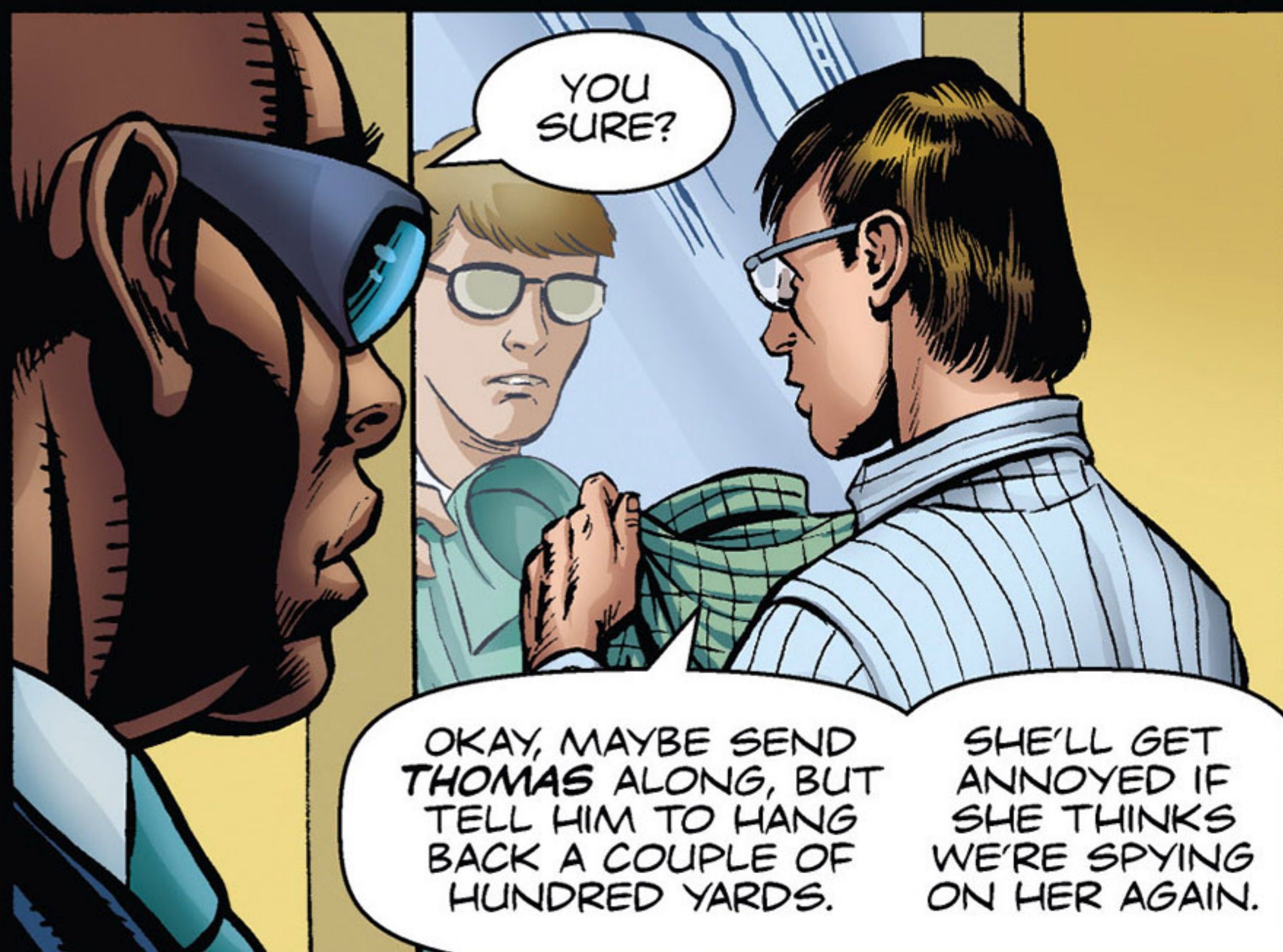


WHO KNOWS WHEN SHE'LL BE ABLE TO DO THIS AGAIN? WE STILL CAN'T TELL WHAT'S GOING TO BE AROUND AFTER THE BIG EVENT.

WANT ME TO TAG ALONG?



NO, MY THERAPIST SAID I'M SUFFOCATING HER AND NEED TO START TRUSTING HER A LITTLE MORE. WHAT HARM CAN SHE DO KICKING AROUND ON HER OWN FOR A LITTLE WHILE?



YOU SURE?

OKAY, MAYBE SEND THOMAS ALONG, BUT TELL HIM TO HANG BACK A COUPLE OF HUNDRED YARDS.

SHE'LL GET ANNOYED IF SHE THINKS WE'RE SPYING ON HER AGAIN.



WHATEVER YOU SAY, DOC.

"SO WHAT'S THE STORY ON THIS GUY, UNCLE JACK?"



JAMES ARNOLD?
OH, YOU KNOW. THE
USUAL: BRIGHT BOY
GOES TO HARVARD AT
SIXTEEN, DESIGNS A
NEW CELL PHONE,
BILLIONAIRE BY
TWENTY-TWO, BUT
STILL AN ENORMOUS
SOCIAL REJECT.

HE'S ONE
OF THOSE CREEPY
ENTREPRENEURS THAT'S
ALWAYS GIVING MONEY
TO THE THIRD WORLD
AND SHOWING UP AT
BOARD MEETINGS WITH-
OUT HIS **SHOES** AND
SOCKS ON.



WHAT'S
HIS DEAL WITH
ALL THESE
CELEBRITIES?

I'VE NO IDEA, BUT I'VE
HACKED INTO HIS DIARY
AND HE SEEMS TO BE
HAVING LUNCH WITH
RIDLEY SCOTT THIS
AFTERNOON.

HIS OWN
PHONE HAD TOO
MUCH SECURITY,
BUT HIS **PERSONAL**
ASSISTANT'S
WASN'T TOO HARD
TO CIRCUMVENT.



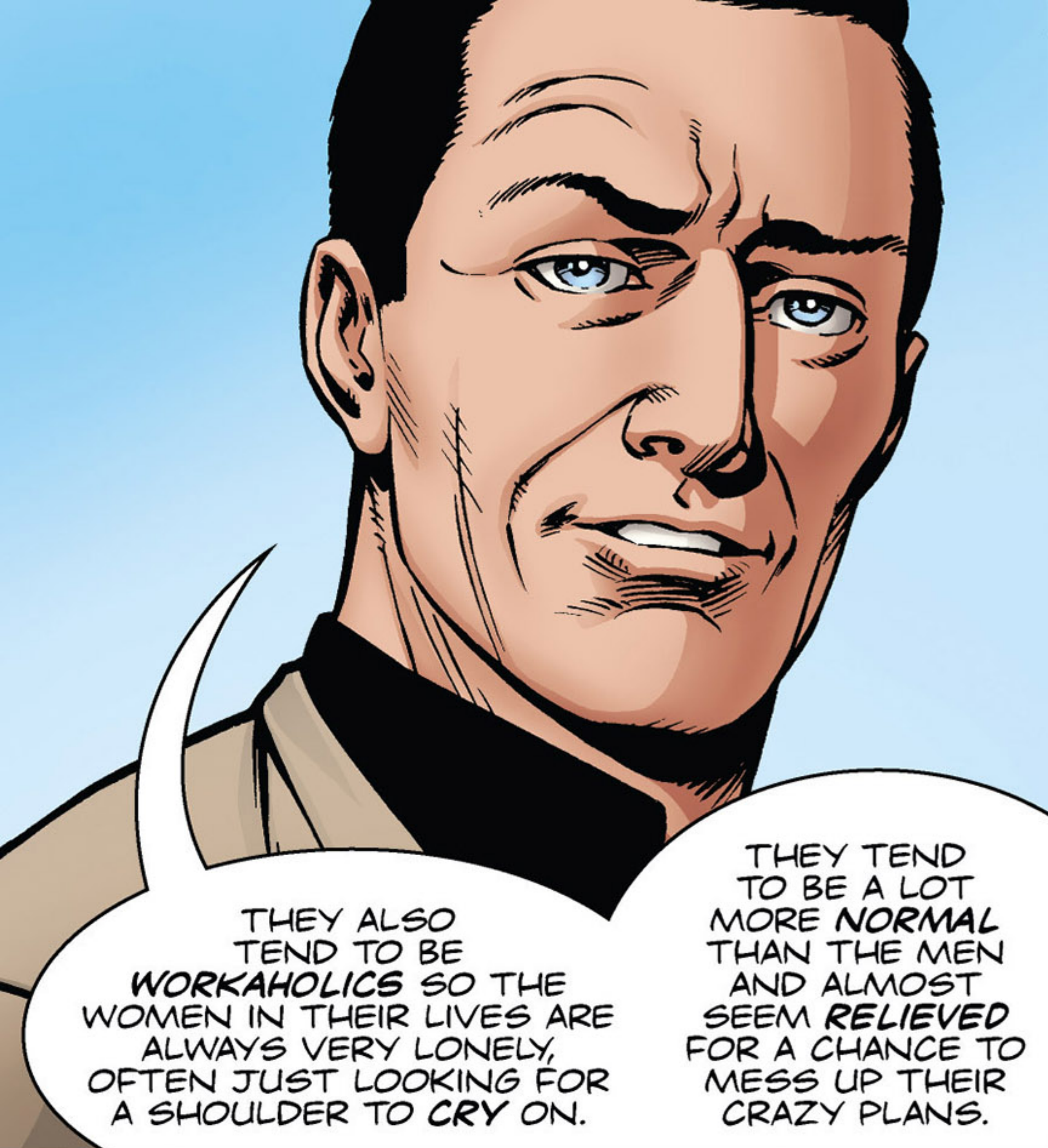
I WONDER
WHAT HE'S
TALKING TO
HIM ABOUT.

THAT'S THE FIRST
THING WE'RE GOING TO
ASK HIS **GIRLFRIEND**.
YOU SEE THE BEAUTIFUL
GIRL IN THE BRIGHT
BLUE MINI-DRESS
WALKING INTO THE
HERMES STORE?



TASTY.

WIVES AND
GIRLFRIENDS ARE
ALWAYS THE KEY.
EVERY MISSION I'VE
EVER WORKED ON.
THIS IS WHERE YOUR
SEDUCTION-TRAINING
COMES IN HANDY
BECAUSE MEGALO-
MANIACS ARE **NEVER**
VERY GOOD
IN BED.



THEY ALSO TEND TO BE **WORKAHOLICS** SO THE WOMEN IN THEIR LIVES ARE ALWAYS VERY LONELY, OFTEN JUST LOOKING FOR A SHOULDER TO CRY ON.

THEY TEND TO BE A LOT MORE **NORMAL** THAN THE MEN AND ALMOST SEEM **RELIEVED** FOR A CHANCE TO MESS UP THEIR CRAZY PLANS.



ALL THEY WANTED WAS A **GLAMOROUS LIFE-STYLE**. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO SEE NEW YORK DESTROYED BY A **LASER-BEAM**.

OH, THE THINGS WE DO FOR **ENGLAND**, **UNCLE JACK**. NOW STAND BACK AND WATCH A **MASTER** AT WORK...



WHAT ARE YOU **TALKING** ABOUT? I'LL HANDLE THE **SEDUCTION**, THANK YOU.

ARE YOU **MENTAL**? SHE ISN'T GOING TO GO TO BED WITH YOU. YOU MUST BE **TWICE** HER AGE.



BELIEVE ME, GARY. SHE'LL APPRECIATE A MORE EXPERIENCED LOVER...



NOW RUN ALONG TO WHEREVER THEY'RE HAVING LUNCH AND KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE **SPY-GLASSES**. I WANT TO HEAR EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING AT THAT TABLE. WE HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR THE **TINIEST CLUES**.

SHE'S GOING TO **KNOCK YOU BACK**, **UNCLE JACK**. SHE ISN'T INTO **GRAND-DADS**. I'M TELLING YOU, MATE. YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSELF...



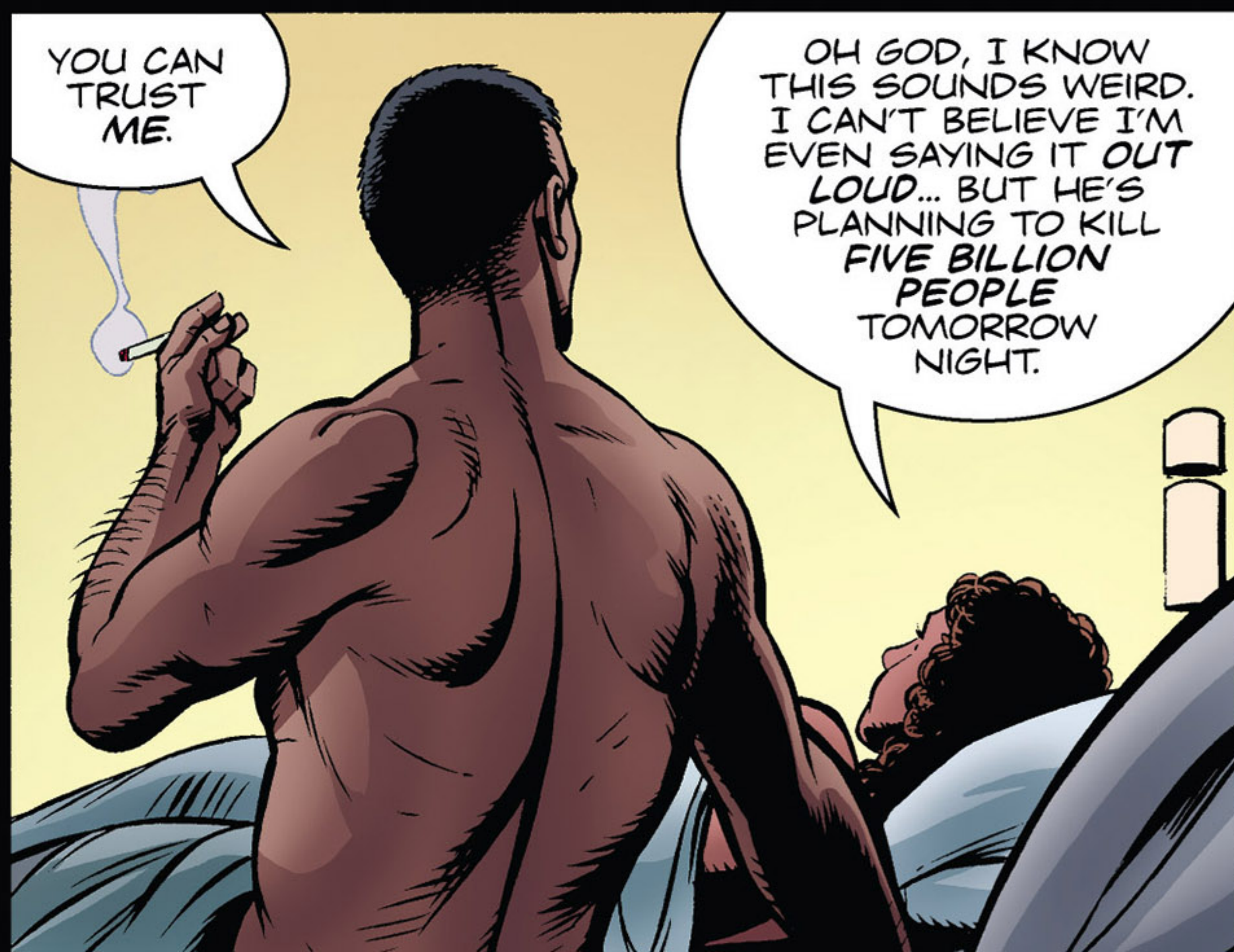
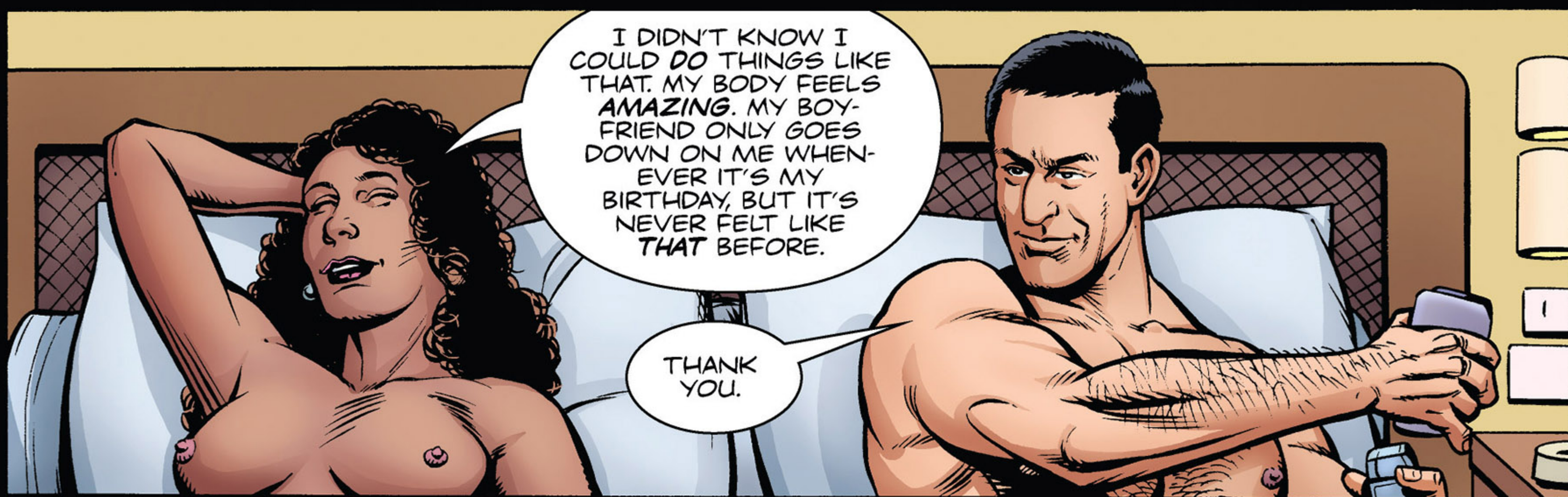
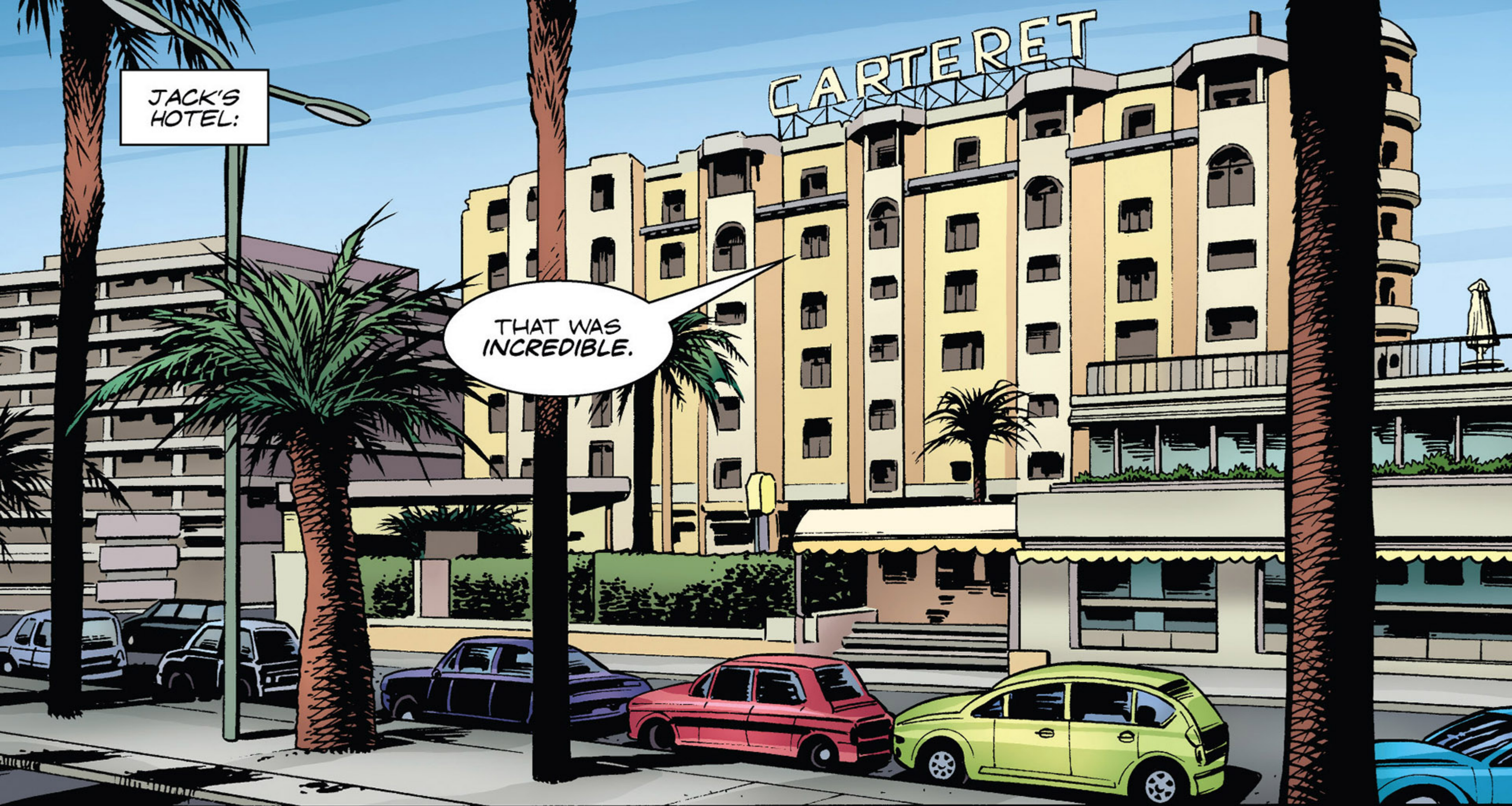
DON'T
BLAME ME
IF SHE
BURSTS OUT
LAUGHING.

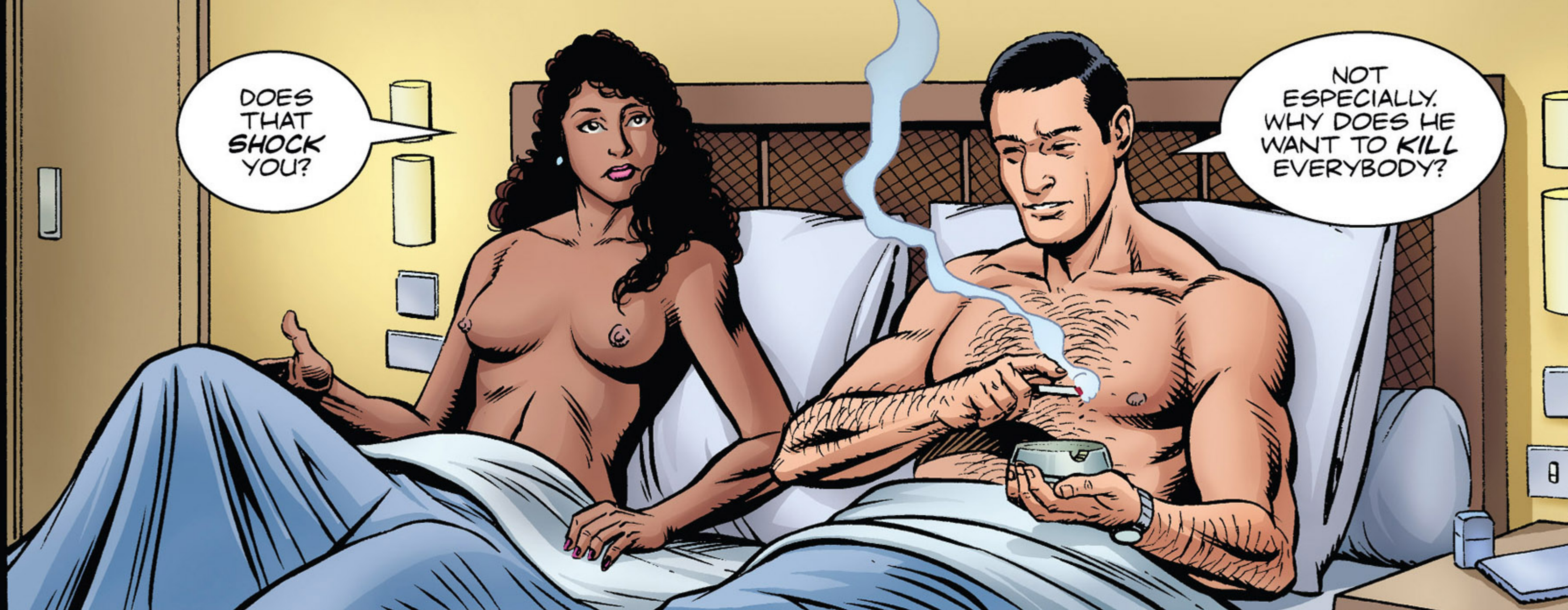


FUCKING
HELL.

HE'S
LIKE THAT
PIZZA GUY
FROM THE
PORNOS.

HERMES





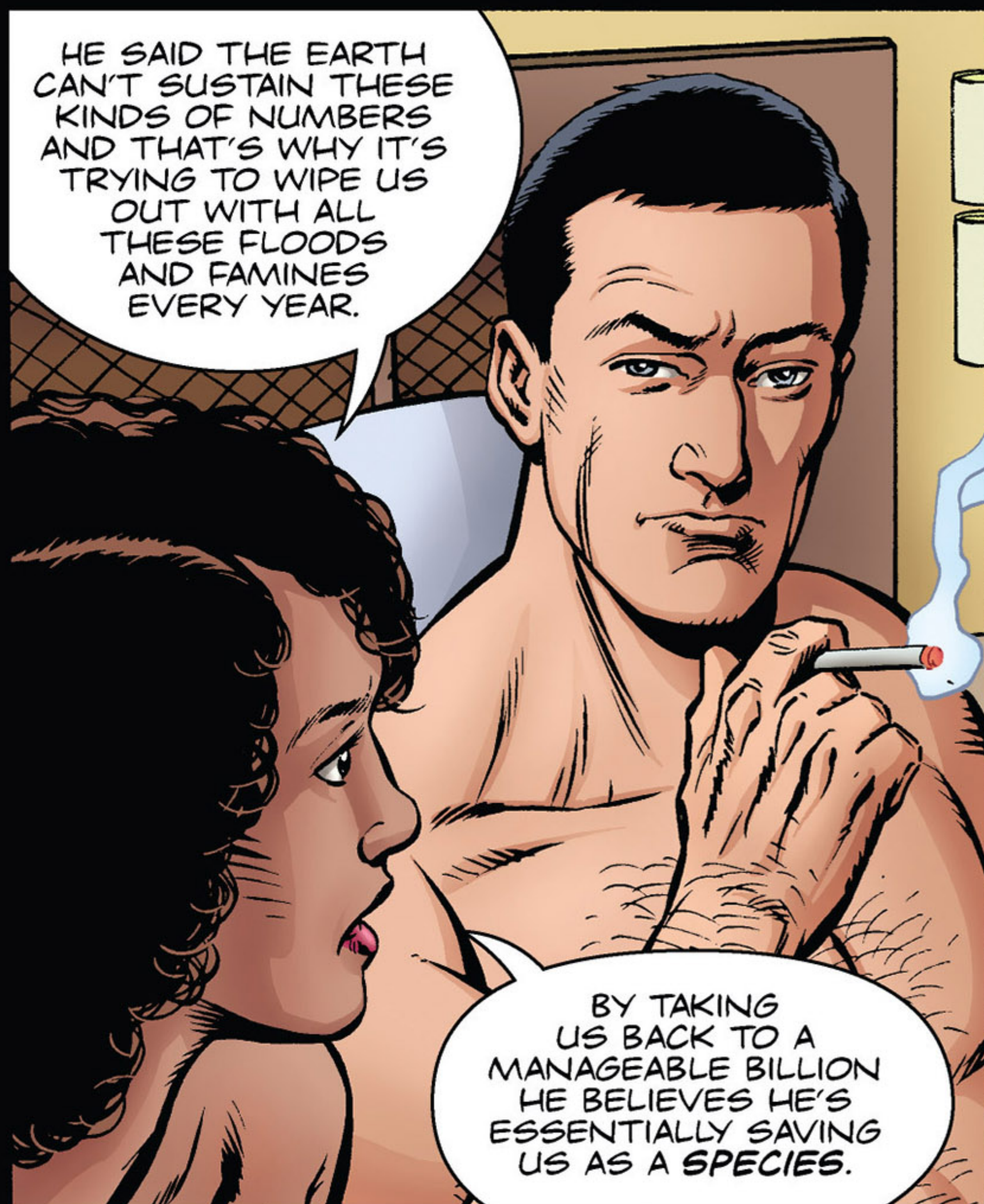
DOES THAT SHOCK YOU?

NOT ESPECIALLY. WHY DOES HE WANT TO KILL EVERYBODY?



IT'S HIS RADICAL SOLUTION FOR THE WORLD'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

HE SAID HE'S ONLY DOING WHAT THE POLITICIANS WOULD NEVER HAVE THE BALLS TO DO AND IT'S A WASTE OF TIME CUTTING CARBON EMISSIONS WHEN PEOPLE ARE THE REAL PROBLEM.



HE SAID THE EARTH CAN'T SUSTAIN THESE KINDS OF NUMBERS AND THAT'S WHY IT'S TRYING TO WIPE US OUT WITH ALL THESE FLOODS AND FAMINES EVERY YEAR.

BY TAKING US BACK TO A MANAGEABLE BILLION HE BELIEVES HE'S ESSENTIALLY SAVING US AS A SPECIES.



IT'S JUST A MORAL CHOICE FOR HIM IN A WEIRD KIND OF WAY. DOES THE PLANET WIPE US OUT IN FIFTY YEARS' TIME OR DOES HE SAVE A BILLION LIVES OF US BY BITING THE BULLET NOW?

WHAT'S HE GOT IN MIND? NEUTRON-BOMB? POISONING THE WATER SUPPLY?



CELL PHONES.

HE MADE HIS FORTUNE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND HIS PLAN IS REALLY VERY, VERY SIMPLE: HE'S GOING TO CHANGE THE FREQUENCY OF THE RADIO WAVES THAT ARE PASSING THROUGH US EVERY DAY.

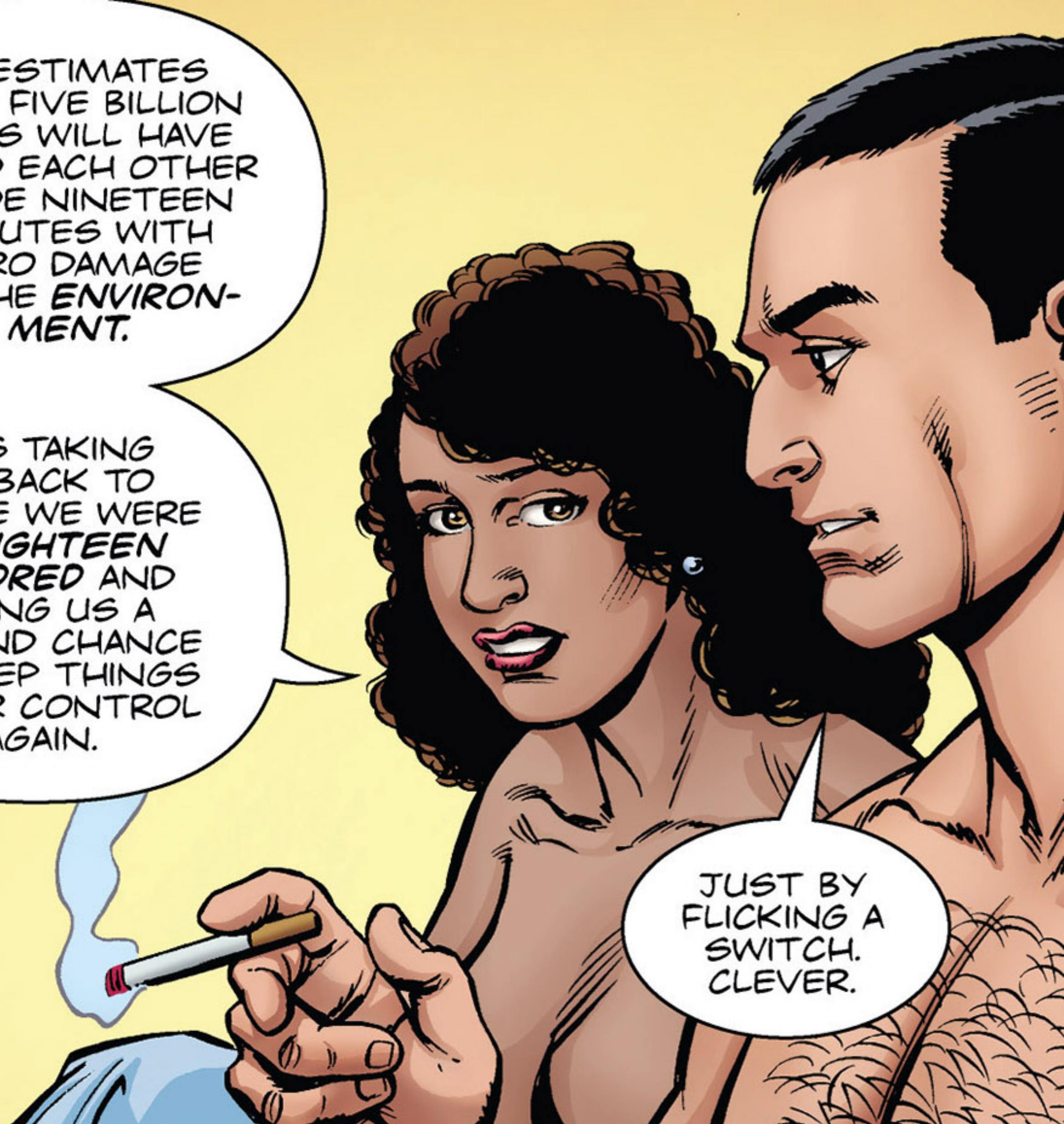


BY ACTIVATING THE R-COMPLEX IN THE PRIMITIVE BASE OF OUR BRAINS HE CAN MAKE US ANGRY AND TERRITORIAL LIKE THAT WEDDING PARTY IN HAWAII.

THAT WAS JUST A TEST TO SEE IF IT **WORKED**, BUT TOMORROW NIGHT IT ALL GOES **GLOBAL**.

HE ESTIMATES THAT FIVE BILLION OF US WILL HAVE KILLED EACH OTHER INSIDE NINETEEN MINUTES WITH ZERO DAMAGE TO THE **ENVIRONMENT**.

HE'S TAKING US BACK TO WHERE WE WERE IN **EIGHTEEN HUNDRED** AND GIVING US A SECOND CHANCE TO KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL AGAIN.



JUST BY FLICKING A SWITCH. **CLEVER**.



SO WHERE DOES MARK HAMILL FIT INTO ALL THIS? WHY HAS ARNOLD BEEN KIDNAPPING ALL THESE ACTORS AND DIRECTORS?

BECAUSE HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THEY **SURVIVE**. HE **LOVES** THOSE GUYS. HE'S BEEN GATHERING THEM UP AND KEEPING THEM SAFE IN HIS MOUNTAIN BASE. THEY'LL ALL BE RELEASED AS SOON AS IT'S OVER.



OF COURSE HE DOES. HE'S A TWENTY-SOMETHING **NERD**. WHY DID NOBODY PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER?

WHO ELSE WOULD YOU WANT TO SURVIVE THE APOCALYPSE?



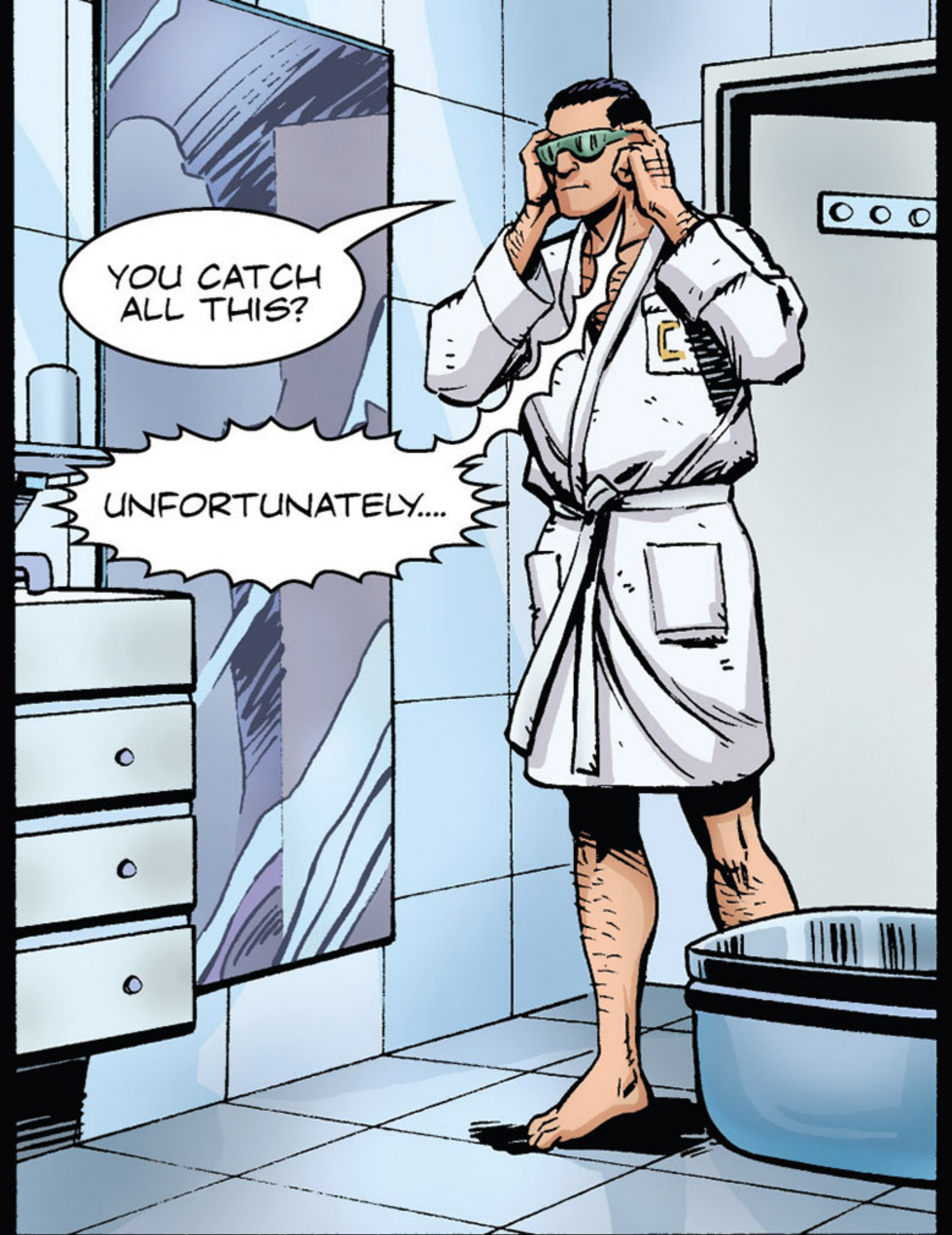
THANK YOU, AMBROSIA. YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL. REST ASSURED, THIS IS ALL GOING TO BE FINE. I'VE DONE THIS JOB FOR ALMOST **THIRTY YEARS** NOW. THIS WILL ALL BE SORTED IN A COUPLE OF HOURS.

YOU MUST THINK I'M A PRETTY **DESPICABLE PERSON** BEING INVOLVED IN ALL THIS SHIT?



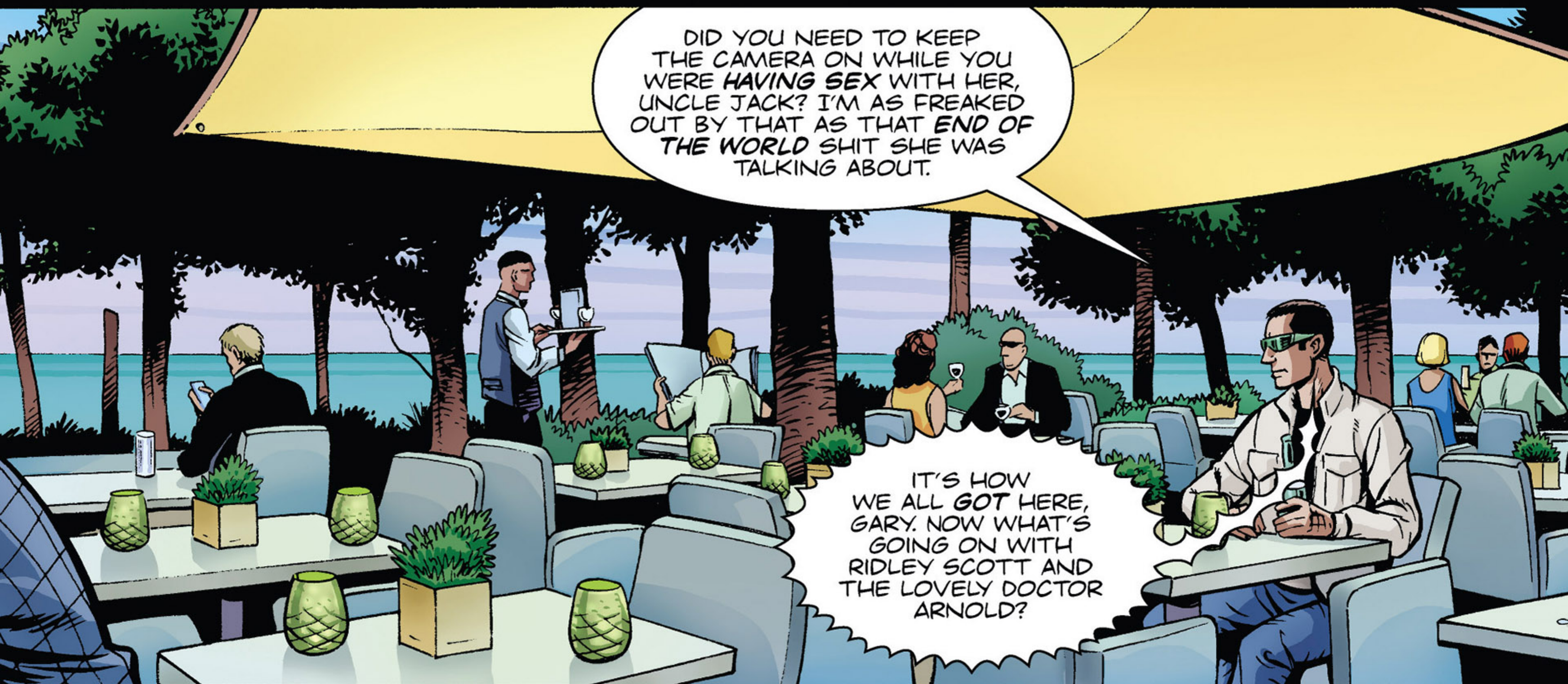
ON THE CONTRARY. I THINK YOU SEEM LIKE A **REALLY GOOD** PERSON. THAT'S WHY WE **TARGETED** YOU.

NOW GET DRESSED AND LET'S GET YOU ON THE FIRST FLIGHT OUT OF HERE. I'VE GOT A BOTTLE OF **CHAMPAGNE** COMING UP IF YOU'D LIKE A GLASS BEFORE YOU GO.



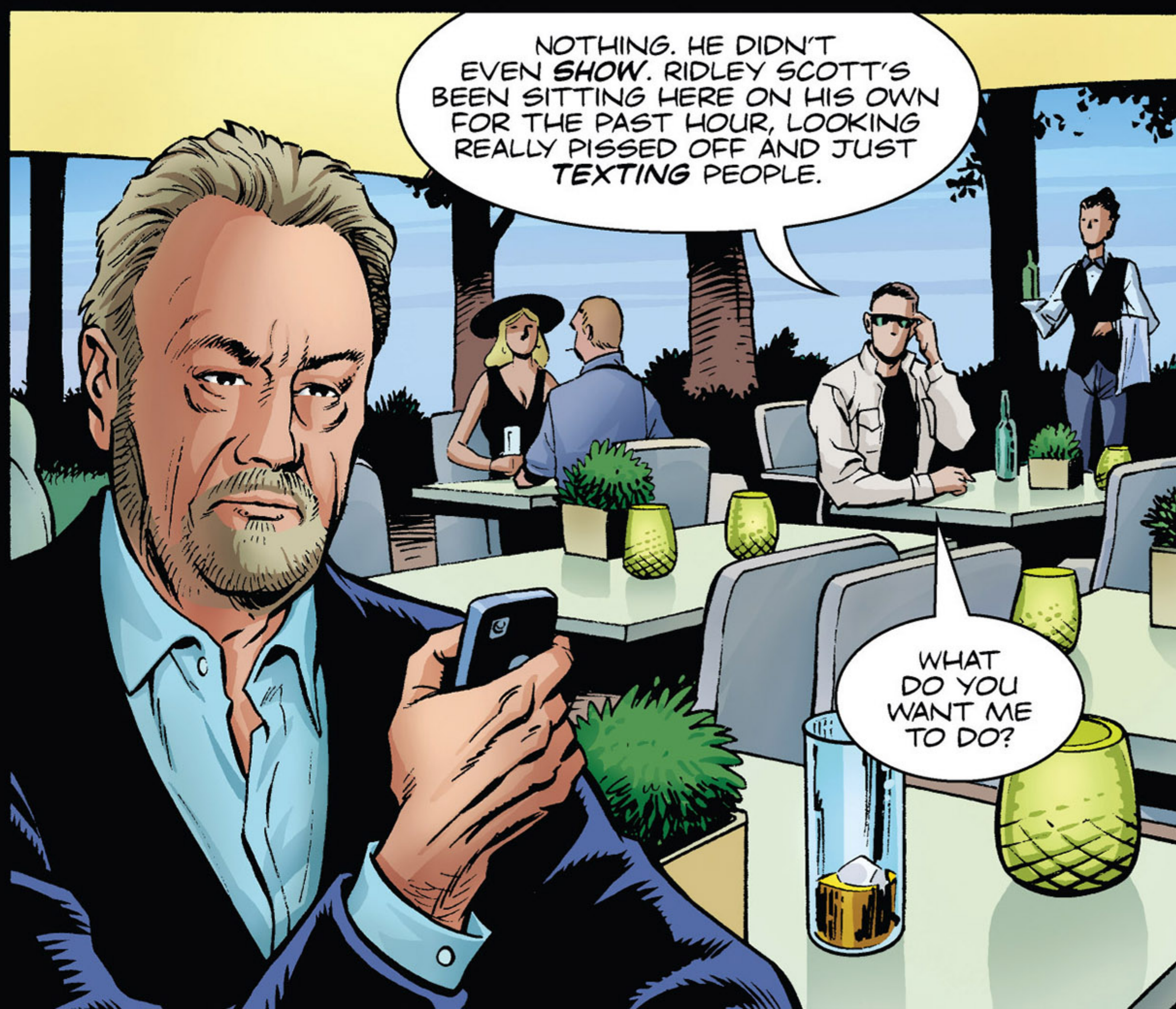
YOU CATCH ALL THIS?

UNFORTUNATELY...



DID YOU NEED TO KEEP THE CAMERA ON WHILE YOU WERE **HAVING SEX** WITH HER, **UNCLE JACK**? I'M AS FREAKED OUT BY THAT AS THAT **END OF THE WORLD** SHIT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

IT'S HOW WE ALL **GOT** HERE, GARY. NOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH **RIDLEY SCOTT** AND THE **LOVELY DOCTOR ARNOLD**?

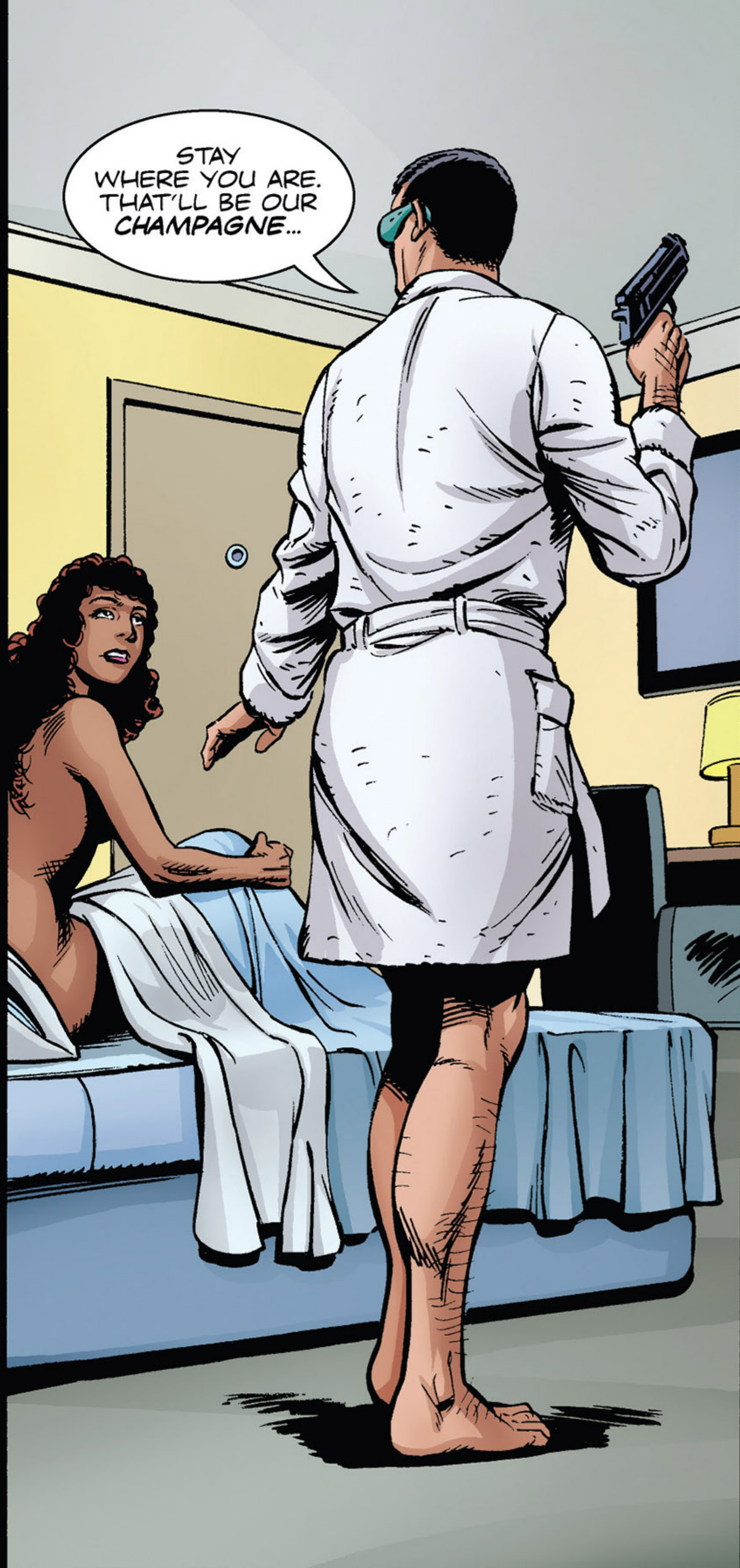


NOTHING. HE DIDN'T EVEN **SHOW**. **RIDLEY SCOTT**'S BEEN SITTING HERE ON HIS OWN FOR THE PAST HOUR, LOOKING **REALLY PISSED OFF** AND JUST **TEXTING PEOPLE**.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

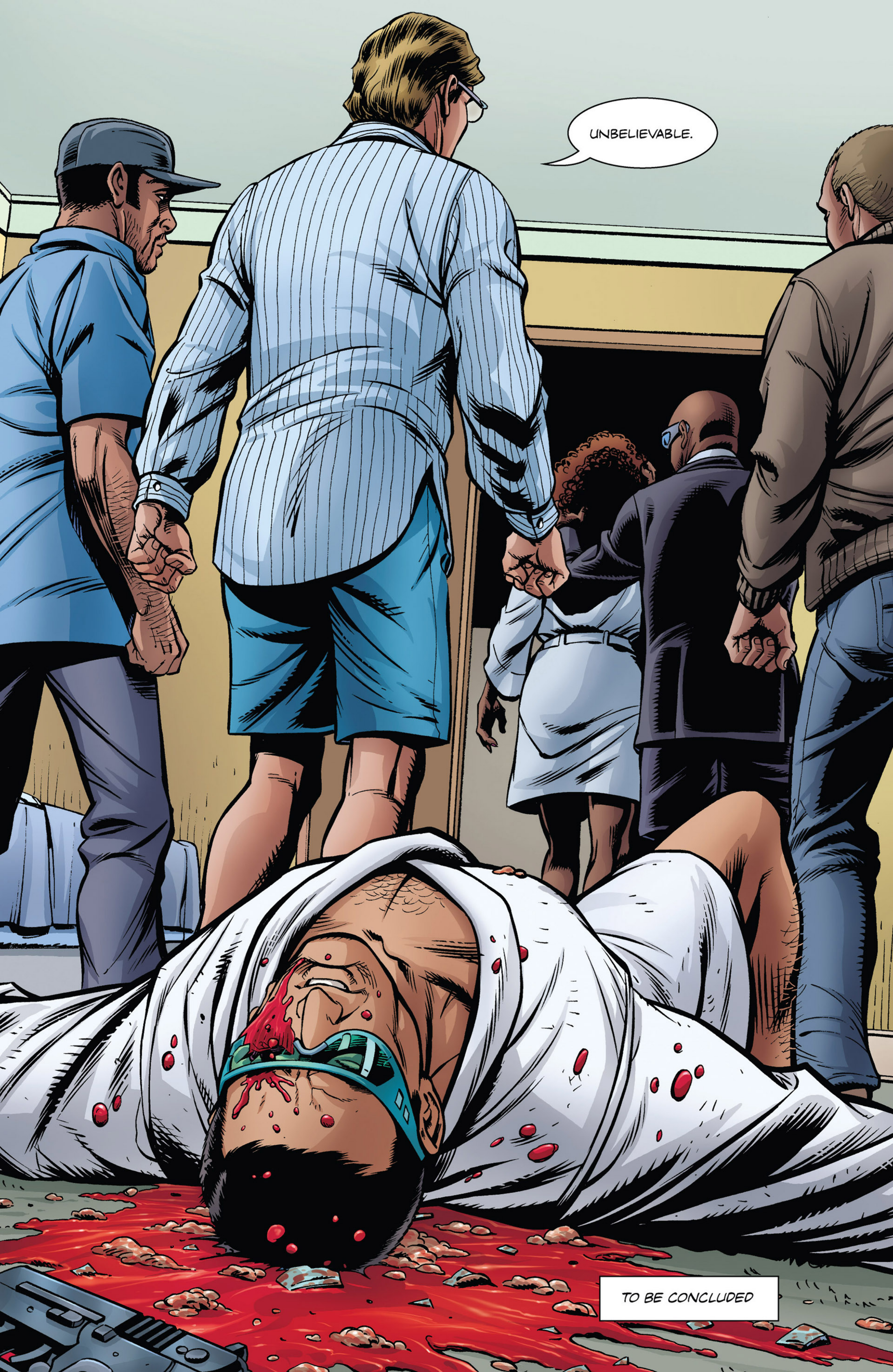


BZZT!









UNBELIEVABLE.

TO BE CONCLUDED